

Promoter In Chief

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Tuesday said a rejuvenated Senate plan that cuts spending and raises taxes is “broadly consistent” with what he wants to do to cut the mounting U.S. debt and potentially open



President Barack Obama discusses the continuing budget talks, Tuesday, July 19, 2011, in the briefing room of the White House in Washington. (AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

a way for Congress to raise the American debt ceiling and avoid a default on obligations at home and abroad.

Obama spoke briefly in the White House press room just hours after a bipartisan group of six senators resumed negotiating the plan. The senators said they were close to agreement on an immediate \$500 billion “down payment” on cutting the deficit as the starting point toward cuts of more than \$4 trillion over the coming decade that would be completed in a second piece of legislation. The plan also would raise revenues by about \$1 trillion over 10 years through a major overhaul of the tax code and cuts to popular benefit programs like Medicare and Medicaid.

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The Empire Strikes Back



Murdoch strongly rejects blame for hacking scandal

Rupert Murdoch, gives evidence to the Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee on the News of the World phone-hacking scandal in this image taken from TV in Portcullis House in central London Tuesday July 19 2011.

(AP Photo/ PA)

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP)—Summoned by lawmakers to answer for a phone hacking and bribery scandal at one of his tabloids, Rupert Murdoch said he was humbled and ashamed Tuesday but accepted no responsibility for wrongdoing as a widening investigation threatened to ensnare Britain's prime minister. In a three-hour grilling, the 80-year-old media tycoon insisted he was at fault only for trusting the wrong people at the now-defunct News of the World, and noted that the paper made up a tiny portion of his vast media empire. The scandal has rocked Murdoch's News Corp. and embroiled Britain's top police, many journalists

and politicians. Prime Minister David Cameron cut short his Africa trip to appear before a special parliamentary question session he called for Wednesday. Murdoch appeared confused and flustered in the beginning of Tuesday's parliamentary hearing, turning frequently to his son James for answers. But he soon regained his trademark cool. He said he had known nothing of allegations that staff at the News of the World tabloid hacked into cell phones and bribed police to get information on celebrities, politicians and crime victims, and that he never would have approved such “horrible invasions” of privacy. In the face of lawmakers'

suggestions that his organization encouraged such behavior, he was unflappable — even after a protester rushed at him in the middle of the hearing. He stayed seated when the man tried to throw a foam pie at him. A News Corp. attorney partially blocked the attack and Murdoch's 42-year-old wife slapped the prankster. After the protester was arrested, the billionaire simply shed his splattered suit jacket and continued answering questions. The scandal has captivated audiences from America to Murdoch's native Australia, and there's more to come — only a fraction of the nearly 4,000 people whose information was hacked are known and the police investigation

appears to be widening. Murdoch has already shut the News of the World, given up on buying a major British satellite television company and accepted the resignations of two top executives because of the scandal.

He said he had no plans to resign but expressed contrition on behalf of News Corp.'s British newspaper division, News International. “This is the most humble day of my career,” said Murdoch, a man once so politically powerful in Britain that former Prime Minister Tony Blair flew halfway around the world to secure his support as he launched the Labour Party's bid for power in 1995.

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Obama promotes 'Gang of Six' plan to avoid US default

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There was no assurance such a plan would win support in the Republican-controlled House where most members have vowed not to increase taxes.

The plan largely mirrors one put forward months ago by Obama's debt commission and he said on Tuesday that it "is broadly consistent with what I've proposed." Congress faces an Aug. 2 deadline for raising the debt limit above the current \$14.3 trillion level. Failure to do that would leave the Treasury Department unable to pay all the government's bills that come due. The government would face hard choices of whether to make payments to holders of Treasury bonds or send out checks to retirees relying on Social Security, the government-run pension plan.

That could create turmoil in financial markets and hobble global economies that



Cookies are seen on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, July 19, 2011, during a Democratic news conference, as budget talks continue.

(AP Photo/Harry Hamburg)

are still struggling to recover from the deep recession that began in 2008.

Obama's declared pleasure with the direction of the approach put forward by the bipartisan group of six senators quickly overshadowed a vote in the House of Representatives later Tuesday. That bill, proposed by tea party conservatives and more main-

stream Republicans, calls for deep spending cuts, a cap on government spending and congressional passage of a bill calling for amending the constitution to require the federal government to spend no more than it collects in taxes and other fees. It does not include any tax increases, something that many of the new House members

elected with tea party support pledged they would never allow.

The House measure makes passage of the balanced budget constitutional amendment by both the House and Senate a precondition for raising the debt ceiling.

While the bill is expected to easily pass in the House, it is seen as largely symbolic because it would fail in the Senate and Obama has vowed the measure should it ever reach his desk.

Once the House bill stalled in the Senate, the upper chamber was then expected to have tried to move forward with yet another bipartisan plan that would give Obama sweeping powers to increase the debt limit. That measure which has been in the works for several days has been shepherded in the Democratic-controlled Senate by Majority Leader Harry Reid and Republican leader Mitch McConnell. □

Tea Party 'Cut cap and balance' passes House

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House of Representatives has passed legislation conditioning a \$2.4 trillion increase in the nation's borrowing cap on a tea party-backed plan to require immediate spending cuts and a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget.

The 234-190 vote sends the "cut, cap and balance" plan to the Democratic-controlled Senate, where it has virtually no chance of passing.

With the House tally cast, attention is returning to efforts in the Senate to provide President Barack Obama authority to impose an increase in the debt limit without approval by Congress and on a new Senate "Gang of Six" proposal to cut the deficit by almost \$4 trillion over the coming decade. □

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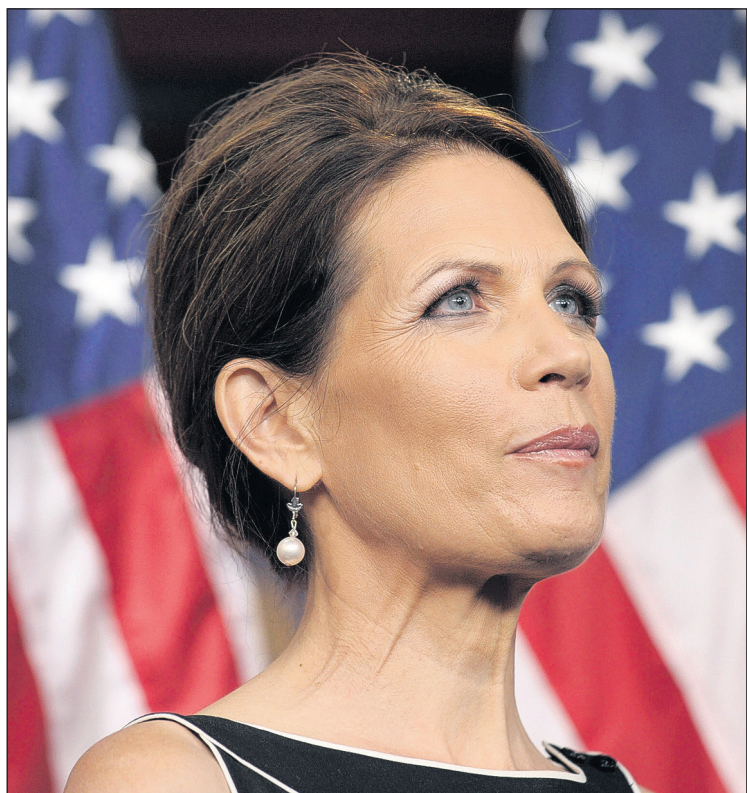
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Republican presidential candidate, Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn. takes part in a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, July 13, 2011.

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Bachmann: severe migraines never 'incapacitated' her

SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

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WASHINGTON — Rep. Michele Bachmann suffers from migraine headaches so intense that she has sometimes sought emergency medical treatment, but the congresswoman said Tuesday that the condition would not preclude her from serving as president if elected.

"Let me be abundantly clear — my ability to function effectively has never been impeded by migraines and will not affect my ability to serve as commander in chief," Bachmann, R-Minn., said in a statement. She described the headaches as "easily controlled with medication." Bachmann, who is seeking the Republican presidential nomination and was campaigning Tuesday in South Carolina, was responding to a report in The Daily Caller, which published an article about the migraines on its website Monday night. It cited unnamed advisers, including one who said the congresswoman "carries and takes all sorts of pills" for migraines that at times rendered her "incapacitated" — an assertion her campaign and family strongly disputed.

"She would not in any respect meet the definition for not having capacity in one of these episodes," Dr. Lucas Bachmann, the candidate's son and a medical resident at the University of Connecticut, said in a telephone interview. "She is probably not going to run a mile, but in terms of being able to engage, she can comprehend and assess information — without a doubt."

The American Migraine Foundation, a nonprofit group devoted to research, says 36 million Americans, or about 12 percent of the population, suffer from migraines, a neurological disorder characterized by severe to moderate headaches and often nausea. The headaches, which the group says can be "extremely disabling for sufferers, painful enough to cause work loss" typically last 24 hours; most people have only a few attacks per month, but chronic sufferers can have many more. Migraines, which are linked to depression, anxiety, sleep disorders and fatigue, are three times more common among women than men, the foundation says.

As Bachmann has gained traction on the campaign trail, she is increasingly finding herself under scrutiny. In the past week alone, she confronted questions about her husband's Christian counseling center, her decision to switch churches and, now, her medical history. □

For day 1 of gay marriage:

A license lottery in New York City

Javier C. Hernandez

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NEW YORK — City officials, hoping to prevent confusion and disappointment as thousands of gay and lesbian couples prepare to marry, said on Tuesday that the city would take the unusual step of limiting the number of marriages on Sunday, the first day the state will allow same-sex marriage.

Facing an influx of requests, the city said it would make available 764 marriage licenses through a lottery. Couples who are turned down for Sunday will be able to try again during the rest of next week, when the clerk's offices in all five boroughs will be open for two

were from same-sex couples. Many more couples were expected to show up on Sunday without having initiated the process online. Christine C. Quinn, the City Council speaker, acknowledged that some couples would be disappointed by the city's decision to hold a lottery. Still, she said, "we want to make sure that Sunday is not like a trip to Motor Vehicles."

As a consolation, Quinn said, the city would send certificates to applicants in the lottery to prove their participation.

The 764 weddings on Sunday will exceed the city's current single-day record by 20 percent, which was

at noon on Thursday; winners will be notified by noon on Friday.

Under the city's plan for Sunday, 400 couples will be able to marry in Manhattan; 112 each in Brooklyn and Queens; 98 in the Bronx; and 42 on Staten Island. City officials said the numbers were proportional to the number of marriages performed at each borough's office on a typical day.

Some couples said they appreciated the city's efforts to avoid chaos. Alan Miles, who lives in Chelsea and has been engaged to his partner, Drew Glick, for seven years, said he had been growing frustrated



New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg speaks during a press conference at City Hall in New York, July 19, 2011. Bloomberg announced that the city will hold a lottery for couples who want to get married on the first day same-sex marriage becomes legal.

(Chang W. Lee/The New York Times)

extra hours each day.

"The last thing we want to have happen is for couples to wait on line for hours and hours, only to walk away upset on what was supposed to be the biggest day of their lives," Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg said during a news conference at City Hall.

Bloomberg said the lottery, which is open to both same-sex and opposite-sex couples, was the "fairest way" to distribute licenses, given the unusually high demand. Over the past two weeks, the city clerk's office had received 2,661 license applications online, and an estimated 1,728 of those

set on Valentine's Day in 2003, when 621 couples were married. On Aug. 8, 2008, a date considered lucky in Chinese culture, 610 couples were married. But on both of those days, city officials said, the vast majority of the couples had already obtained their licenses and were seeking to have their marriages solemnized by a city clerk. Gay and lesbian couples cannot obtain licenses before Sunday because the state's same-sex marriage law will not take effect until then. The lottery for marriage licenses opened on the city's website at noon on Tuesday and will close

trying to figure out how far in advance he would have to camp out at the clerk's office in order to secure a license. "It's the fairest, best way to ration out those slots," said Miles, 45, an executive at the Nielsen Co. But some residents said the city should have found ways to accommodate all same-sex couples on a historic day.

Maria Romagnuolo, 49, of Staten Island, who hopes to marry her partner of 21 years, Wendy Bloom-Romagnuolo, 48, on Sunday, said the lottery was a "total joke" and that the city clerk's office should have stayed open all day. □

US copy of Magna Carta treated at U.S. Archives

BRETT ZONGKER, Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — A painstaking conservation effort to remove old patches and repair weak spots in a 714-year-old copy of the Magna Carta has revealed that the full text of that English declaration of human rights remains intact even though some words are faded and illegible to the eye, the National Archives said Tuesday. A \$13.5 million gift from philanthropist David Rubenstein, owner of the handwritten document, is paying for the conservation effort as well preparations for a coming exhibit. Thanks to the gift, the larg-



A 714-year-old copy of the Magna Carta.

(AP)

est cash donation ever to the National Archives, the copy of the Magna Carta

eventually will be shown as a forerunner to the freedoms imagined in the U.S. Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights. Plans call for exhibiting it along with documents showing the struggle for rights of black Americans, women, immigrants and others.

The Magna Carta bears the seal of King Edward I and is dated 1297. It is one of 17 known handwritten copies of the text that established a tradition for the rule of law that even the king would honor. It is the only original version in the Americas, while 15 are held by British institutions and one is held by Australia's Parliament.

Ultraviolet photography revealed the previously illegible writing and a fuller picture of the document's good condition, conservators told The Associated Press.

Words on the right side of the text had been hidden by water damage at some point in the past.

"It's just sort of a wonderful, magical tool that conservators use to reveal what, just to the naked eye, would seem to be lost forever," said lead conservator Catherine Nicholson. □

Judge: Unseal Mumbai terror trial documents

MICHAEL TARM Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Dozens of sealed court papers from a recent Chicago trial related to the deadly 2008 Mumbai terror attacks will be released publicly, a federal judge ruled Tuesday, though it's unclear whether they'll contain any new revelations. The order comes a month after jurors cleared businessman Tahawwur Rana of involvement in the 2008 siege that left more than 160 people dead in India's largest city. They convicted him of lesser charges, including that he provided material support to a Pakistani militant group, Lashkar-e-Taiba, which took responsibility for the attack. Rana's trial began just weeks after Navy SEALs found Osama bin Laden hiding in Pakistan and some observers had expected testimony could reveal details about alleged links between Pakistan's intelligence agency, known as the ISI, and Lashkar-e-Taiba.

In the end, though, much that came out in testimony had been heard before, both through indictments and a report released by India's government last year.

The 50-year-old Rana, who is jailed in Chicago as he awaits sentencing, shuffled into court for the five-minute hearing in an orange jumpsuit and with his legs shackled. The Pakistani-born Canadian looked relaxed, standing next to his attorneys with his hands clasped behind his back.

Judge Harry Leinenweber ordered the prompt release of 26 documents, including motions filed before and during the trial to exclude or admit evidence; four other documents will be unsealed only after sensitive sections are blackened out, and another 39 dealing with legal fees and similar financial matters will remain sealed, he said.

Although the request to unseal the documents came from prosecutors and a lawyer for the Chicago Tribune newspaper, defense attorney Patrick Blegen told the judge that, "Our position is that everything should be unsealed now." Blegen told reporters later that the soon-to-be released documents were unlikely to provide many details not already made public. He added that it still could take days for the first papers to be unsealed.

Rana faces up to 30 years in prison on two convictions, which also included providing material support in a plot never carried out against a Danish newspaper that in 2005 printed cartoons of Prophet Muhammad. □

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Could Strauss-Kahn's NY case include Paris claim?

JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — If the New York sexual assault case against Dominique Strauss-Kahn ever goes to trial, much will doubtless be made of his accuser's background. But what about his?

Prosecutors have already hinted they might like to peer into the former International Monetary Fund leader's past.

At his first court appearance, a prosecutor made a point of noting reports of "similar" conduct abroad — an apparent reference to a French writer who has now brought a criminal complaint in Paris about an attempted rape she says she suffered at Strauss-Kahn's hands in 2003.

And prosecutors met privately Tuesday with the writer's lawyer to get more information about her claims, with the attorney for Strauss-Kahn's New York accuser joining the conversation. The women's lawyers and prosecutors declined to say what was discussed.

Given New York law, legal experts say it could be knotty, but not impossible, for prosecutors to try to in-

For now, it's far from clear that the case will get to that point. But if it does, it could become a high-profile

The principle generally limits mentions of what's sometimes called uncharged misconduct or prior bad acts.

But some exceptions could provide prosecutors an opening to broach the French novelist's allegation — especially if Strauss-Kahn were to assert the New York episode was consensual or have witnesses speak to his

good character, experts said.

"I would not say that it's a slam-dunk that it would be inadmissible," said Gary Muldoon, a Rochester, New York, defense lawyer and author of "Handling a Criminal Case in New York," a book published by Lawyers Cooperative Publishing. But in any case, "it's a hotly contested issue." □



Former IMF head Dominique Strauss-Kahn, left, leaves his rented house escorted by security, in New York. If the New York sexual assault case against Dominique Strauss-Kahn ever goes to trial, much will doubtless be made of his accuser's background. But what about his? Prosecutors have already hinted they might like to peer into the former International Monetary Fund leader's past.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

roduce any allegations beyond the actual attempted rape and other charges stemming from Strauss-Kahn's May encounter with a Manhattan hotel maid.

proving ground for a principle enshrined in a more than century-old case that was a sensation in its own right and yielded a landmark ruling.

14 arrested for alleged cyberattack on PayPal

PETE YOST
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fourteen people were arrested Tuesday for allegedly mounting a cyberattack on the website of PayPal in retaliation for suspending the accounts of WikiLeaks. Separately, FBI agents executed more than 35 search warrants around the country in an continuing investigation into coordinated cyberattacks against major companies and organizations. As part of the effort, there were two arrests in the United States unrelated

to the PayPal attack. Overseas, one person was arrested by Scotland Yard in Britain, and there were four arrests by the Dutch National Police Agency, all for alleged cybercrimes.

The cyberattacks on PayPal's website by the group Anonymous followed the release by WikiLeaks in November of thousands of classified U.S. State Department cables. Anonymous is a loosely organized group of hackers sympathetic to WikiLeaks. It has claimed responsibility for attacks against corporate and gov-

ernment websites worldwide. The group also claims responsibility for disrupting the websites of Visa and MasterCard in December when the credit card companies stopped processing donations to WikiLeaks and its founder, Julian Assange. The 14 allegedly involved in the PayPal attack were charged in U.S. District Court in San Jose, California, and were arrested in Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, the District of Columbia, Florida, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Mexico and Ohio. □

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Arizona officials seek donations for border fence

MARC LACEY
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PHOENIX — Americans Critics call the state's effort to build its own border barriers a foolhardy, feel-good campaign that will have little practical effect on the problem of illegal border crossing. But organizers in the State Legislature, which created the fund, say it will allow everyday people fed up with the inability of Congress to address the problem of illegal immigration to personally contribute to a solution. Beginning during the Bush administration and continuing in President Barack Obama's tenure, the federal government has built more than 600 miles of barriers, some designed to keep out cars and others to block migrants themselves from crossing. The congressionally approved construc-

tion effort is winding up, but about 82 miles of Arizona's 388 miles of border remain without a barrier, federal of-



Arizona residents upset about illegal immigration have a new outlet for their rage: a fund set up by the state of Arizona that will use private donations to build a border wall.

officials say. The construction has been costly. The Government Ac-


countability Office said in a 2009 report that the federal government spent \$1 million to \$3 million for ev-


ery mile of border fencing. Arizona, though, intends to use low-cost inmate labor

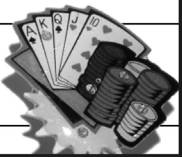
to reduce those costs. The most likely locations for the state's planned barriers are on state or private land, organizers say. A committee will determine the details of the wall's construction after money comes in, according to the legislation creating the border fund, which Gov. Jan Brewer signed in April. Janet Napolitano, the secretary of homeland security, expressed doubts about the effectiveness of physical barriers at the border when she was Arizona's governor and Congress first endorsed the idea in 2005. "You show me a 50-foot wall and I'll show you a 51-foot ladder at the border," Napolitano said at the time. "That's the way the border works." She has subsequently argued that the border fencing is only a part of the solution and must be supplemented by Border Patrol agents and technology. The Obama administration has significantly increased staffing at the Border Patrol and has employed unmanned drones to patrol from above. But the administration last year halted work on a "virtual fence" along the border after a series of technical problems and cost overruns. Even before Wednesday's formal start of Arizona's fundraising website, organizers said they detected considerable interest. "We are getting emails, calls and letters from all over the country," said State Sen. □

FBI: US imam's son key to terror network

CURT ANDERSON
AP Legal Affairs Writer
MIAMI (AP) — The son of a Muslim cleric in Florida was a key part of his father's alleged finance network for the Pakistani Taliban terror group and shared the older man's support for violent attacks, an FBI agent testified Tuesday. Agent Michael Ferlazzo said at a bail hearing that 37-year-old Irfan Khan appears to advocate violence repeatedly on some of the more than 1,000 phone calls the FBI recorded between him and his father, brother and other alleged conspirators. On one call, Ferlazzo said, Irfan Khan referred to Pakistan's government as "big pimps." "They're talking about violent opposition to the government," Ferlazzo said. On another call, the agent said, Irfan Khan seemed pleased that people feared the Pakistani Taliban "because of how lethal they had become." Irfan Khan, his 24-year-old brother Izhar Khan and their father, 76-year-old Hafiz Khan, are charged along with three others in Pakistan — including Hafiz Khan's daughter, Amina — with four terrorism support-related crimes. Prosecutors say they funneled at least \$50,000 to the Pakistani Taliban, which is waging a violent campaign against Pakistan's government and has also targeted U.S. interests. □

			
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At hearing for hacking scandal, Murdoch strongly rejects blame



A protestor wearing a Rupert Murdoch mask is photographed by media outside parliament in London, Tuesday, July 19, 2011. Britain's Conservative Party says a former News of the World executive may have given the prime minister's former communications chief advice before the 2010 national election. The Conservative Party said Neil Wallis, who was arrested last week in Britain's phone hacking scandal, "may have provided Andy Coulson with some informal advice on a voluntary basis before the election."

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The scandal began as a blip in 2005, when the News of the World published a story about Prince William suffering a knee injury. Royal officials became suspicious about the closely held data and alerted police. An inquiry led to one of the paper's reporters and a private investigator being jailed for intercepting communications. The Guardian newspaper then found out that Murdoch's papers had paid out more than \$1.6 million (1 million pounds) to settle lawsuits involving allegations of eavesdropping on phone messages. The scandal became a crisis for News International this month with the revelation that the News of

the World had hacked into the phone of a 13-year-old murder victim, Milly Dowler, in hopes of getting material for news stories. Occasionally punctuating remarks by slapping his hands down on the desk, Murdoch said he was "shocked, appalled and ashamed" at the hacking of Dowler's phone but he rejected that criminality had been endemic at the tabloid. He also said he had seen no evidence that victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attack were hacked — an allegation the FBI is looking into. Murdoch said he had not been informed that his company had paid out big sums — 700,000 pounds (\$1.1 million) in one case —

(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

to settle lawsuits by phone hacking victims. Murdoch noted that News of the World represented less than 1 percent of his global media empire, which also includes the Fox TV network, 20th Century Fox film studio, The Wall Street Journal, the New York Post and three major British newspapers. He said he spoke to the News of the World's editor only around once a month. Blame, he said, rested with "the people I trusted ... and then, maybe, the people they trusted." News International CEO Rebekah Brooks and Wall Street Journal publisher Les Hinton, former executive chairman of News International, have resigned, though Murdoch said

he did not blame either of them for the scandal. Brooks and Cameron's former communications chief, Andy Coulson — a former editor at News of the World — are among several people who have been arrested in the scandal, though no one has been charged with a crime. James Murdoch, 38, apologized for the scandal, telling British lawmakers that "these actions do not live up to the standards our company aspires to." The younger Murdoch said the company acted as swiftly and transparently as possible. Rupert Murdoch acknowledged, however, that he did not investigate after Brooks, former editor of the News of the World, told parliament years ago that the paper had paid police officers for information. The value of News

Corp. added around \$2 billion while the Murdochs were being grilled, trading 5.3 percent higher at \$15.74. The stock has taken a battering over the past couple of weeks, shedding around 17 percent of its value, or around \$8 billion. Brooks testified after the Murdochs. All three agreed to provide evidence only after they were summoned. Brooks described allegations of voicemail intercepts of crime victims as "pretty horrific and abhorrent." She said she had been told by employees of the tabloid that allegations of phone hacking by News of the World journalists were untrue, and that she realized the gravity of the situation only when she saw documents lodged in a civil damages case by actress Sienna Miller last year. □



A man, named on Twitter as Jonnie Marbles, is led from Portcullis House in London, Tuesday July 19, 2011, following an incident as Rupert Murdoch and James Murdoch gave evidence before a House of Commons Committee on the News of the World phone hacking scandal.

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The relief agency Oxfam is urging donors to provide \$800 million desperately needed to help 10 million hungry people in the Horn of Africa who are victims of severe drought. Of the estimated \$1 billion needed to stave off a major humanitarian catastrophe, Oxfam said Tuesday night that only around \$200 million in new money has so far been provided. In the last two weeks, Oxfam said, Britain has pledged an estimated \$145 million — almost 15 percent of what is needed. The European Union pledged around \$8 million, with more expected in the coming days, Spain pledged nearly \$10 million and Germany around \$8.5 million but Oxfam said France has so far not pledged any new money and Denmark and Italy have said no significant new sums are available.

"There is no time to waste if we are to avoid massive loss of life," Fran Equiza, Oxfam's



Somalis fleeing hunger in their drought-stricken nation walk along the main road leading from the Somali border to the refugee camps around Dadaab, Kenya, Wednesday, July 13, 2011. More than 11 million people in the Horn of Africa are confronting the worst drought in decades and need urgent assistance to stay alive, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Tuesday. Ban called an emergency meeting Tuesday morning with the heads of U.N. agencies to discuss the worsening drought in East Africa, which along with fighting in Somalia has created a humanitarian crisis.

(AP Photo/Rebecca Blackwell)

regional director, said in a statement. "We must

not stand by and watch this tragedy unfold before our eyes. The world has been slow to recognise the severity of this crisis, but there is no longer any excuse for inaction." Oxfam said U.N. humanitarian appeals for \$1.87 billion for the region this year are only 45 percent funded, leaving a gap of over \$1 billion — \$332 million for the U.N. appeal for Kenya, \$296 million for the U.N. appeal for Somalia, and \$398 million for the government-run appeal in Ethiopia.

On July 8, Oxfam and the Rome-based U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization issued a joint appeal for assistance in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and Uganda. □

World Briefs

Canadian missing off Mexico beach

SAN JOSE DEL CABO, Mexico (AP) — Mexican authorities are searching for a Canadian tourist who was swept away by a wave off Mexico's Pacific Coast. Robert Clark Dale is 51 years old and from Stony Plain, Alberta. Civil protection officials say he was swimming near San Jose del Cabo on the Baja California peninsula Monday afternoon when he was pulled out to sea by a current. Firefighters, life guards and two Mexican navy vessels are participating in the search. Police and other officials have met with relatives in the beach town. □

Powerful quake hits south Kyrgyzstan

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan (AP) — A powerful earthquake measuring 6.2 struck a mountainous location in southern Kyrgyzstan on the border with Uzbekistan early Wednesday, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. No casualties or serious damage were immediately reported from the temblor, which hit at about 1:35 a.m. local time in an area some 35 kilometers (22 miles) away from the Uzbek city of Ferghana, which has a population of more than 200,000. In Andijan, the next largest city in Uzbekistan's Ferghana Valley, roughly 100 kilometers (60 miles) from the epicenter, residents told The Associated Press that many people had left their homes in panic and were standing in the streets. A duty officer at the Emergency Services Ministry in the Kyrgyz capital, Bishkek, said he had no precise information about the fallout of the quake. □

UN envoy optimistic on Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The top U.N. envoy in Iraq says there are grounds for "cautious optimism" about the country's future if its leadership is united and there is a stronger spirit of cooperation in the region. Ad Melkert told the U.N. Security Council on Tuesday that the key to consolidating and further strengthening "the indisputable gains" in Iraq is the successful implementation of the power sharing agreement reached last November. That agreement was signed by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, Ayad Allawi who leads the Sunni-backed Iraqiya party, and the Kurdish region's President Massoud Barzani. But bickering among Iraq's political leaders has kept the government, seated in December, from appointing new defense, interior and national security ministers. □

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Autopsy calls Salvador Allende's death a suicide

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Alexei Barrionuevo reported from Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Pascale Bonnefoy reported from Santiago, Chile.

SAO PAULO, Brazil — A new autopsy has determined that former President Salvador Allende of Chile killed himself with an assault rifle, Chilean officials said Tuesday, dispelling doubts that have persisted for 37 years about the exact circumstances of his death, including whether troops storming the presidential palace had murdered him. The forensic analysis, overseen by a team of Chilean and international experts, did not find any evidence of third-party involvement in Allende's death, concluding that the head injuries he sustained were consistent with bullets fired from a single AK-47 assault rifle.

Even as leftist supporters like Fidel Castro declared that Allende had died in a gun battle on Sept. 11, 1973, the day of the coup, his family members had long found credible the original autopsy and accounts of witnesses, including palace detectives and doctors, who said he had taken his own life before the military entered the palace.

But doubts had lingered, and in recent years some independent forensic experts had argued that there was evidence of a second bullet wound to Allende's skull, raising the possibility that a second weapon may have been involved in his death.

In May, at the behest of a judge investigating 726 human rights cases related to Chile's 17-year dictatorship, Allende's remains were exhumed. After a thorough analysis, the forensic and anthropological team issued a 20-page report on Tuesday.

"We are in a position to assure that this was a violent death that was suicidal in nature," said Dr. Francisco Etcheberry, a forensic expert appointed by the Allende family. "Of that we have absolutely no doubt."

Forensic experts said there was only a single entry and exit wound in Allende's skull. They said they found no evidence of a second weapon, but there was evidence that two bullets may have been discharged by an AK-47.

"There were two bullets fired at the scene, two shells were recovered, but only one bullet was recovered," said David Pryor, a British consultant in forensic ballistics who used to work for Scotland Yard.

For the Allende family, the team's findings brought relief, confirming Allende's suicide, which had come to be a source of family pride. □

Clinton urges India to open nuclear market

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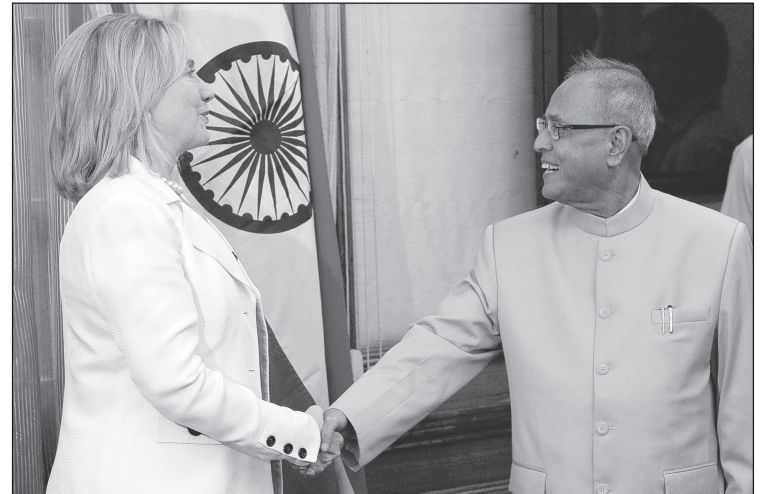
NEW DELHI — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton pushed India on Tuesday to open its markets further and amend a crucial regulation that would make it possible for U.S. companies to bid for lucrative nuclear contracts here. Clinton, stopping in India for three days on a 12-country tour that will take her around the world, also pledged U.S. support in fighting terrorism. Her visit came a week after three synchronized bombs ripped through heavily populated areas of India's commercial capital, Mumbai, killing 19 people and injuring scores.

The visit, Clinton's second as secretary of state, was aimed at deepening the often testy but steadily warming relationship between the world's largest democracy and its most powerful.

Speaking at a news conference with India's foreign minister, S.M. Krishna, Clinton said differences over trade and nuclear legislation must be smoothed over for the relationship between the two countries to bear fruit.

"We need to resolve those issues that still remain so that we can reap the rewards of the extraordinary work that both of our governments have done," she said.

The United States helped usher India into the global



U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton shakes hands with Indian Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee prior to a meeting at the Cabinet Secretariat in New Delhi, India, Tuesday, July 19, 2011. Clinton promised to give full U.S. support to Indian efforts to protect itself from terror attacks, less than a week after a triple bombing killed 19 people in the financial capital of Mumbai.

(AP Photo/Saul Loeb, Pool)

nuclear club by forging an agreement that allowed India to engage in nuclear trade in 2005. U.S. nuclear suppliers hoped that the agreement would give them access to India's nuclear power market, but those hopes were dashed when Parliament passed stringent liability rules last year that, unlike international conventions, makes suppliers potentially liable, not just nuclear power plant operators.

The United States was also disappointed that India rejected bids from U.S. manufacturers for a contract, estimated to be worth \$10 billion, to replace aging Russian fighter jets. Two European companies were shortlisted instead.

Clinton's visit comes as the U.S. regional calculus is shifting. President Barack

Obama is seeking to draw down U.S. forces in Afghanistan, a plan that worries some in the Indian security establishment because it could leave Afghanistan open to more Pakistani meddling. At the same time the U.S. relationship with Pakistan has soured since the raid in Abbottabad, Pakistan, that killed Osama bin Laden.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since they were split in two in 1947, and the United States historically had closer ties to Pakistan.

But India and the United States have grown closer in recent years, and when Obama visited India last year he declared the relationship of the two huge democracies to be "the defining partnership of the 21st century." □

Libyan troops kill 8 rebels near eastern oil town

RAMI AL-SHAHEIBI

Associated Press

AJDABIYA, Libya (AP) —

Government forces in trucks disguised with rebel flags shelled opposition positions Tuesday near the strategic eastern oil town of Brega, killing eight rebel fighters and wounding dozens more, officials said.

In an audio message directed at a rally of thousands in the town of al-Aziziya, south of Tripoli, embattled ruler Moammar Gadhafi emphasized the importance of Libya's vast oil wealth to his regime, and called the civil war a battle "for our way of life."

Rebel forces have been pushing to seize the front-line town of Brega, which is home to an oil refinery and terminal, for nearly a week, but they say fields of land mines planted by Gadhafi's forces have slowed the advance.

The rebels are fighting in a residential area on Brega's eastern side and control about one-third of the town, spokesman Mohammed al-Rajali said.

Field commander Ahmed Maysawi said rebel forces were working to clear the mines so they can move forward while government troops are occasionally approaching in trucks disguised with rebel flags to shell rebel positions with mounted rocket launchers. Mohammed Idris, a doctor at the hospital in the nearby city of Ajdabiya, said eight

rebels were killed and dozens wounded Tuesday. That raised to at least 34 rebels killed in five days of fighting, according to Idris.

He said the rebels had taken four prisoners, and one dead government soldier had been taken to the rebel hospital. It is unclear how many other government soldiers have been killed. The Libyan government rarely provides information

made a rare reference to the fuel shortages caused by Tripoli's international isolation that have made life hard in government-controlled areas.

"This battle is in our homes. It has affected our children's food, our oil, our oil fields," he said in a clip shown on state TV. "It cuts off electricity, it cuts off gas. This battle is for our children's food, for our way of life."

around 30 miles (48 kilometers) south of Tripoli, and cheered wildly, waving green flags.

They chanted their support for Gadhafi and at the end of his speech fired dozens of AK-47s in the air, startling the scores of horses tribesmen had brought to the rally.

Rebels struggling to oust Gadhafi since the uprising against his rule broke out in

under government control since early April.

The two sides have been locked in a stalemate with the rebels unable to advance beyond pockets in the west despite a NATO air campaign against Gadhafi's forces.

Last week, more than 30 nations including the United States gave the rebels a boost by recognizing their National Transitional Council as the country's legitimate government, potentially freeing up billions of dollars in urgently needed cash.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said Tuesday that medical services in Libya's western mountains are struggling with a flood of casualties from fighting.

Tuesday's statement said facilities lack medicine to treat patients and vaccines to deal with outbreaks of disease.

An ICRC delegation visited the region and provided bandages and other medical materials.

Arab and Berber rebels wrested control of much of the Nafusa mountains from the government weeks ago. The range stretches from the Tunisian border to within 60 miles (100 kilometers) of Tripoli.

But rebels have been unable to capture the strategic mountain town of Gharyan, which controls the approach to the capital. □



Libyan rebel fighters gesture at the checkpoint some 20 kilometers west from the rebel-held Ajdabiya towards the town of Brega, Libya, Tuesday, July 19, 2011. Government forces shelled rebel positions Tuesday near the strategic oil town of Brega, killing eight rebel fighters and wounding dozens, a medic said. Rebel forces have been pushing to seize the front-line town on Libya's coast for close to a week, but they say fields of land mines laid by Moammar Gadhafi's forces have slowed the advance.

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In his audio message, Gadhafi emphasized the importance of Libya's wealth and

Some 5,000 people, mainly from the local Warshafana tribe gathered in the main square of al-Aziziya,

February control much of Libya's east, but Brega, 450 miles (750 kilometers) south-east of Tripoli, has been

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City of Hama offers glimpse of a Syria after Assad

Anthony Shadid

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HAMA, Syria — In this city that bears the scars of one of the modern Middle East's bloodiest episodes, the revolt against President Bashar Assad has begun to help Syrians imagine life after dictatorship as it forges new leaders, organizes its own defense and reckons with a grim past in an uncertain experiment that showcases the forces that could end Assad's rule. Dozens of barricades of trash bins, street lamps, bulldozers and sandbags, defended in various states of vigilance, block the feared return of the security forces that surprisingly withdrew last month. Protests begin past midnight, drawing raucous crowds of youths celebrating the simple fact that they can protest. At dusk, distant cries echo off cinder blocks and stone that render a tableau here of jubilation, fear and memory of a crackdown a generation ago whose toll — 10,000, 20,000, more — remains a defiant guess. "Hama is free," the protesters chant, "and it will remain free."

Freedom is a word heard often these days in this city, Syria's fourth largest, though that freedom could yet prove elusive. Hama rebelled last month, and the government withdrew the soldiers and security forces seemingly to forestall even more bloodshed, ceding space along the Orontes River that is really neither liberated nor subjugated. In the uncertain interreg-

num, punctuated by worry that the security forces might return and fear of informers left behind, Hama has emerged in the four-month revolt against Assad as a turbulent model of what a city in Syria might resemble once four decades of dictatorship end. In skittish streets, there are at least nascent notions of self-determination, as residents seek to speak for themselves and defend a city that they declare theirs.

The sole poster of Assad in the city hangs from the undamaged headquarters of the ruling Baath Party. Gaggles of residents gather on the curb to debate politics, sing protest songs and retell the traumas of the crackdown in 1982, when the government stormed Hama to end an Islamist uprising. For the first time in memory, clerics and the educated elite in Hama are negotiating with the governor over how to administer the city, in a country long accustomed to a monologue delivered by the ruler to the ruled.

"This is the way a city is supposed to be," said a

49-year-old former government employee of nearly three decades who gave his name as Abu Muhammad.

Lined with oleander and eucalyptus trees, the road



Anti-government protesters march through the center of Hama, Syria's fourth largest city. Hama has emerged as a focus of defiance against the government of President Bashar Assad of Syria. (Moises Saman/The New York Times)

to Hama underlines the depth of the challenge today to Assad. Tanks are parked inside Homs, to the south. More are stationed at the entrances to smaller towns between Homs and Hama, like Talbiseh and Rastan, where protesters dismantled a statue of Assad's father, Hafez, who seized power in 1970. At

one entrance, strewn with stones thrown by protesters, a slogan says, "The army and the people are one hand." But the scenes of jittery soldiers behind sandbags and turrets of

tanks pointed at incoming traffic suggest an army of occupation.

"Syria is colonized by its own sons," one resident quipped.

Hama is bracing for an attack by a government that may regret its decision to withdraw on the first week of June, after an especially bloody Friday. But the authorities seem at a loss over how to retake control of the rebellious city that is Syria's most religiously conservative.

Railing from fences was torn down and stones from sidewalks unearthed to build scores of barricades, which block entrances to most neighborhoods. Refuse has accumulated along streets where every trash bin seems part of a barrier. □

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Giants on tiptoe at Los Angeles museum



A Triceratops display at the Dinosaur Hall at the Natural History Museum in Los Angeles, on July 16, 2011. The newly refurbished hall, part of a seven-year transformation of the museum, focuses on the process of discovery as well as specimens displayed inside.

(Konrad Fiedler/The New York Times).

EDWARD ROTHSTEIN

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LOS ANGELES — One of the centerpieces of the impressive new Dinosaur Hall that opened this month in the Natural History Museum here is a tableau created

of natural history museums. Three Tyrannosauruses are circling the remains of an Edmontosaurus, a duck-billed dinosaur, on which, we are told, these fearsome creatures used to prey. The largest of the predators has



Tyrannosaurus skeletons that could be of different ages displayed feeding on a Edmontosaurus at the Dinosaur Hall at the Natural History Museum in Los Angeles, on July 16, 2011.

(Konrad Fiedler/The New York Times)

from fossilized bones of the Cretaceous era. Aside from its skeletal character, the scene could easily have appeared in one of those naturalistic dioramas that were once at the heart

apparently had its fill, but the jaws of the other two are frozen in midthrash (or midgnash), leaning downward toward the remnants of their meal; at least, that is what the mounting of

these 65-million-year-old bones leads us to imagine. But what lends a strange piquancy to this scene is that we might also be looking at three T. rexes of different ages.

The smallest — 11 feet long and almost incongruously delicate — could be as young as 2 (an age at which, we read, it might have had feathers); another, at 14, still has a ways to go before rivaling the young adult nearby. Their range of sizes gives the idea of a growth spurt a new scale: Tyrannosauruses could gain 1,500 pounds in a year.

Such examples of juvenile dinosaurs are rare, the museum tells us; it also says there is nothing like this display appearing anywhere else. That may be true of other aspects of this hall as well. This redesign doubles the size of the display space (to 14,000 square feet), showing 300 fossils and 20 complete mounts of dinosaurs and sea creatures in two long galleries, each with a mezzanine level, spanning two of the museum's buildings.

There is a 68-foot-long Mamenchisaurus found in China, and a 28-inch-long Fruitadens haagorum, the smallest dinosaur ever found in North America. (The museum tells us it holds the only specimens.) A 43-foot wall shows 100 miscellaneous dinosaur specimens, ranging from footprints to fossilized droppings, with identifications and elaborations offered by touch-screen monitors. And the new hall is a major milestone in a seven-year \$135 million transformation of the museum (including new exhibitions, new

gardens and outdoor displays), to be completed by its centennial in 2013.

Many of the hall's objects are also recent finds, discovered by the Dinosaur Institute, a research arm of the museum directed by the hall's main curator, the paleontologist Luis M. Chiappe. This means that what we see reflects the latest preservation techniques (more clearly revealing texture than the old coatings did); the latest research on mounting (altering the posture and poses of several species); and the lat-

not with fossilized bones but with preserved skin and fur. Taxidermic specimens are posed in recreations of their natural habitats, against meticulously painted backdrops showing, perhaps, the expanse of the veldt or the dense growth of a rain forest. The goal of this artifice is realism, bringing the visitor to an imagined spot, granting a glimpse of the natural world without humans.

There are vestiges of that approach in the new Dinosaur Hall's murals, which try to imagine these creatures'



Tyrannosaurus rex skeletons that could be of different ages at the Dinosaur Hall at the Natural History Museum in Los Angeles, on July 16, 2011.

(Konrad Fiedler/The New York Times)

est ideas about the goals of dinosaur displays (created by the Brooklyn-based Evidence Design). These changes (like others apparent in recent dinosaur exhibitions at the American Museum of Natural History in New York) highlight a transformation that has taken place in natural history museums since the age of the diorama. In those traditional glass-enclosed scenes, which can be sampled in some of the stunning older galleries in the museum here, animals are evoked

habitats and long-lost skin, fur or feathers. But that isn't the point. When we look around here, we are not seeing the natural world or its ancient relics stripped of human presence; instead, we are reminded repeatedly that these dinosaurs might as well be posing with their once-unnoticed recreators. We become aware, that is, not of a settled scene, but of a shifting landscape of hypothesis, imagination and argument. Take that tableau, for example. □

LOCAL Aruba TODAY

Barbara and Richard renew their vows at the Radisson



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Playa Linda adopts Aruba Food Bank

PALM BEACH - As part of ongoing efforts to provide valuable assistance to the community, the Playa Linda Beach Resort has named the Aruba Food Bank as the recipient of regular donations made by its members and guests. General Manager Jan van Nes recently presented the first check to Aruba Food Bank Coordinator Claudie Wegdam. The check, representing one month's worth of donations, totaled Afl. 2,183.40, a sum that will provide seven to ten days worth of food to approximately 85 disadvantaged people in Aruba.

"Playa Linda's mission is to be a 'home away from home' for its members, guests and employees alike as well as a role model within our community.

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Aruba to take on the Lion Fish



PALM BEACH - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is very concerned about the Lion Fish invasion in the Florida waters.

This predatory fish called the Lion Fish has become established in marine waters of the southeastern United States and Caribbean, and may spell trouble for many marine fish. The precise date and year that

the Lion Fish was first seen in the Florida waters is not clear but one thing is sure, since the early 1990's the Lion Fish populations have increased since then, and the species has been spotted as far north as the waters off Rhode Island in the Atlantic and in the warmer Gulf waters off Louisiana. Also not sure if this invasive species was originally introduced in marine wa-

ters through the aquarium industry, the fact remains that it has arrived and is here to stay.

Since then the Lion Fish have become established on the United States East Coast and have expanded throughout the Caribbean. Scientists believe that Lion Fish juveniles are carried by ocean currents and this ends up affecting other countries.

The colorful predatory fish, which is native to Indo-Pacific waters, gets 12 to 15 inches long and has a high reproductive potential. The females can spawn several times per month and release up to 30,000 eggs every four days per spawn. As Lion Fish grow, they switch their diet from invertebrates to fish, and this is where it becomes a major concern for islands like Aruba. The Lion Fish eats native fish and are competing with native predatory fish such as groupers and snappers.

The Lion Fish also has a negative impact on overall reef habitat, since they feed on herbivorous fish that keep the algae in check on the reefs such as juvenile parrot fishes, tangs or surgeon fishes.

The Aruba Marine Park Foundation has been involved since mid 2010 with the national control plan for the Lion Fish. According to the foundation, the best thing to do right now is to remove this fish as much as possible from the waters around Aruba. The problem is becoming bigger because not only does the Lion Fish spawn locally, but from the Venezuelan peninsula of Paraguana, which is only 6 miles to the south of Aruba and from Curaçao 56 miles east of Aruba the Lion Fish larvae or juveniles can travel with ocean currents to Aruba, there for adding to the problem.

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Barbara and Richard renew their vows at the Radisson

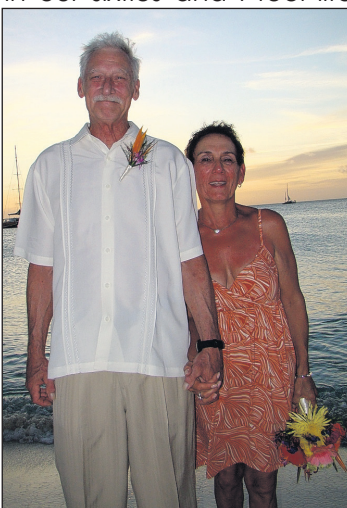


Palm Beach -- The Hertzogs had a lovely renewal of vows on the beach at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa. After the ceremony at sunset the couple had dinner to torch light under the stars at La Playa, the resort's ocean side restaurant. Barbara explains she really

wanted to show her love to her husband Richard. The couple tied the knot on October 18th, 2003, in front of their three children and close family members. They honeymooned at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa in July of 2004 and returned two more times to Aruba and to their



favorite hotel. For their anniversary, Barbara says, I wanted to do something special for him for making me the happiest person on this earth. We are both in our sixties and I feel life



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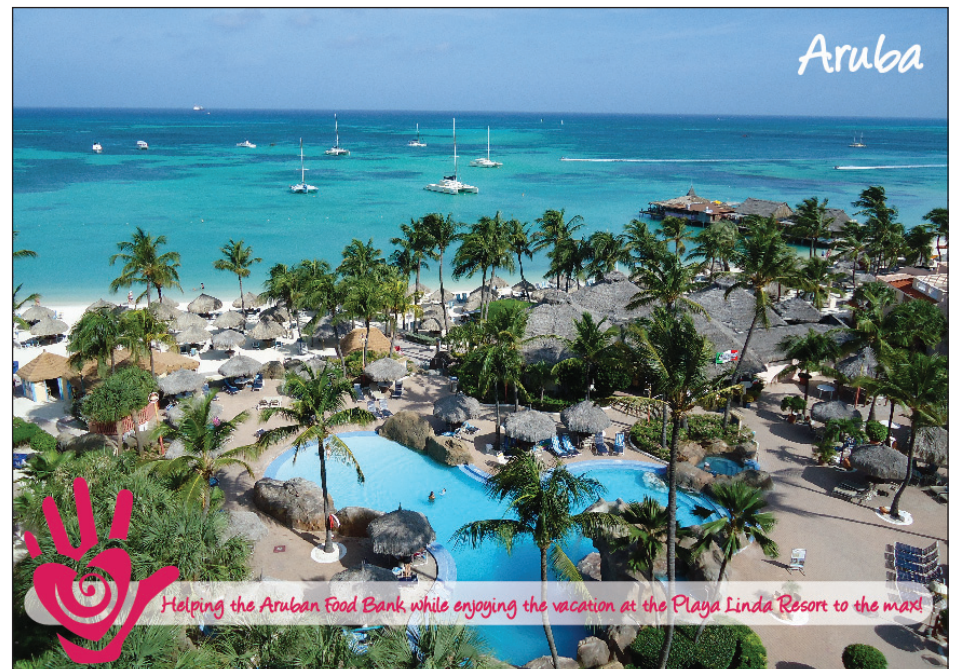
Playa Linda adopts Aruba Food Bank



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Our members and guests agreed to support the Aruba Food Bank in ensuring that at-risk families in Aruba do not go hungry," explains

Playa Linda GM Jan van Nes. Through a voluntary donation program through which Playa Linda's members and guests can choose to donate one dollar for each room night, funds are raised to support local non-profit organizations.



Through the program, Playa Linda was able to raise almost \$16,000 for the Red Cross office in Aruba. The Playa Linda, working together with "Fundacion Pa Nos Comunidad" (Foundation for Our Community) or FPNC, which runs the Aruba Food Bank, hopes to be similarly successful. A postcard, displaying the resort as well as the FPNC logo, was developed with FPNC's Claudie Wegdam, for use by Playa Linda's members and guests. The Food Bank already helps over 600 families on a monthly base, providing a food package that contains enough for three meals per day for more than a week. However, FPNC calculates that around 1,200 families, representing about 4,000 children and adults, are in need of its assistance. FPNC currently works with local wholesal-

ers with which they have cost price agreements. The foundation guarantees that for every dollar donated, at least 93 cents of that sum goes to the purchase of food products. FPNC works together with all professional and volunteer organizations with the same or related objective in fighting poverty. Along with managing a Food Bank, FPNC also focuses on education and re-integration efforts in order to assist families in getting back up on their own feet again as soon as possible. "Only through cooperation can we change the lives of the less fortunate," comments FPNC's Claudie Wegdam. For more information about the Aruba Food Bank, visit the FPNC website at fpncaruba.com or visit them on Facebook at [facebook.com/FPNCAruba](https://www.facebook.com/FPNCAruba).



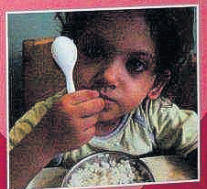
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Vibrant, exciting and fresh is the concept of Taste of Belgium in Palm Beach Plaza



Taste of Belgium is the name of a soon-to-open, new restaurant in the Palm Beach Plaza Mall. The large restaurant promises to be innovative, following in the footsteps of its sister restaurants CILLO City Lounge in the Renaissance Marketplace and Papillon in The Village: fresh, vibrant and exciting. A great amount of creative architectural design has gone into the drawings: the architect has had to work overtime to come up with the interior which evokes memories of favorite holidays in the glory days of Belgium's North Sea Rivi re.

The focus of the new restaurant in Palm Beach will be on sinfully good food – in the inimitable Belgian style –, with the friendly, fast service of knowledgeable waiters, an extensive wine list with wines by the glass, delicious premium drinks and cups of coffee with a tiny glass of liqueur and whipped cream. Of course the desserts are irresistible; Belgians are well-known for their sweet tooth. The famous gastronomic excellence of Belgium will descend on the new, spacious location at Palm Beach Plaza on Aruba. If you would like to get an

idea about what Taste of Belgium will look like: just imagine an inviting lounge area with a reading corner, where one can read local and international papers and magazines. A sizeable bar is ready to service the cool, air-conditioned interior as well as the shaded terrace, where the cooling breeze reigns. In some incomprehensible way the concept allows for a cozy atmosphere while quite a lot of guests can enjoy themselves. A terrific sound system with a variety of great music will be installed, but one can also expect outstanding musicians playing live. Fun events, posted on Facebook, Twitter, the restaurant's website and the internet, will attract an eclectic crowd that is eager to experience Taste of Belgium's happenings.

The off-white wooden walls with signature black-and-white tiles mingling with the wooden floor surrounding the bar area will be the backdrop for the easy couches and the convenient reading table.

The sepia, blown-up photographs of historic prints that line the walls will show that time has not stood still: we have come a long way since then. The restaurant is easy to reach, has ample parking spaces and a bus stop as well as a taxi stand in the front; it will be open from 7 am until 1 am. A special lunch menu is geared towards the business community of Aruba: Taste of Belgium is close by – just 6 minutes from Ling & Sons Supermarket - via the Saksakweg.

Fast service will see to it that everyone will be back at their desks with a full belly with plenty of time to spare, but there is also the possibility to enjoy a drawn-out business lunch in semi-privacy or a fun lunch with friends, of course. International favorites will be vying for attention with the daily lunch and dinner specials and favorite Belgian dishes will again be gracing the menu. Weekly special events are going to include coffee-, beer- and wine tastings. A Sunday high tea

and lots of other events are still in the pipeline.

The focus of Taste of Belgium lies on the traditional, time-honored art of enjoyment, which Belgians are famous for. These people know how to spend their leisure time, savoring delicacies and specialty beers, sipping impressive wines, tasting the best ingredients hidden in outstanding recipes and splurging on desserts. This art form has almost died out in the rest of the world, but in Belgium it is still going strong. And now Belgium is coming to Aruba once again.

So keep your eyes peeled for news from Taste of Belgium and stay up-to-date about its progress. We promise that the new place will be incredible, hip, cool, comforting and energetic at the same time – the only thing needed to make it complete will be you.

For updates, news items and –flashes, please check out www.facebook.com/tobaruba and www.tasteofbelgium.aw. Hope to see you in soon! □



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The Aruba Marine Park Foundation has organized a Lion Fish derby in March of 2011 because of the increasing numbers of this invasive species but this just showed that this fish is becoming more and more visible everywhere around the island. With the recent numbers surveyed on the island of Cura ao, it is estimated that with a good culling program

on the sister island; they would be able to remove approximately 100,000 Lion Fish per month. In Florida during one tournament 531 Lion Fish were removed in one day. This is also proof that this is the only effective way to control the spread. Experiments with groupers and green morays feeding on the Lion Fish are encouraging but removal by massive numbers is the way to go. Lionfish have venomous glands in their dorsal, pelvic and anal spines. They should

never be handled with a bare hand. Even when the fish has died, it can still cause the venom to be injected if you get stung accidentally by the spines. The concern of the many is the increasing sightings of Lion Fish in shallow waters near the hotel areas. The fish doesn't "jump up" and attack someone but they are not shy and will hold their ground. The Lion Fish can swim in the shallow waters near the hotels and realistically one should not rule out possibility for injury. It's not a reason for panic but we should not ignore the fact that they can get near people. For scuba divers this is not an immediate threat unless the diver tries to touch the Lion Fish. For fishermen however this can be a problem if they are fishing with nets or catching bait fish because the Lion Fish can get tangled up in the nets.

The government of Aruba should take this threat seriously because this is not just affecting the

environment, but it will become devastating for the fishing industry as a whole, the tourism industry, health care, economy and the island in general. In the Bahamas the invasion was not taken serious until it was too late and much of the reef fish was already destroyed. Collecting Lion Fish should be done with care because getting stung by this fish has already landed people in the emergency rooms and it is not a very pleasant experience. People who got stung have experienced severe radiating pain, muscle spasms, localize swelling, inflammation, faint and it can cause allergic reactions in some people. A few cases of death have been reported in other countries but this could be related to additional underlying medical conditions of the person or delay in treatment. The Lion Fish looks very pretty and people have the

tendency to approach it to get a closer look. When you see a Lion Fish, report it to the Hadicurari fishermen's center (586-0820/586-6610) or send the Aruba Marine Park Foundation an email or message through facebook. Just search for Aruba Marine Park Foundation on facebook or email at arubamarinepark@gmail.com. Give the location, approximate depth, date and number of Lion Fish seen. If you capture Lion Fish, register them at Hadicurari for your competition stickers. Collect your stickers for the December 2011 Lion Fish King or Queen! □



No major guarantee for Dustin Johnson

Runners up Phil Mickelson of the U.S. and Dustin Johnson of the US, right, wave to the crowd after the final day of the British Open Golf Championship at Royal St George's golf course Sandwich, England, Sunday, July 17, 2011..

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Mavs open season vs Bulls, if season opens on time

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AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA champion Dallas Mavericks will open the season — if it begins on time — at home on Nov. 1 against MVP Derrick Rose and Chicago, then host Miami in a finals rematch Christmas Day. The NBA released its complete 2011-12 schedule Tuesday despite being in a lockout that could last months and cause it to be scrapped.

Owners and players are still well apart in negotiations on a collective bargaining agreement to replace the one that expired June 30, and there is a fear that regular-season games could be lost to a work stoppage for the second time in league history.

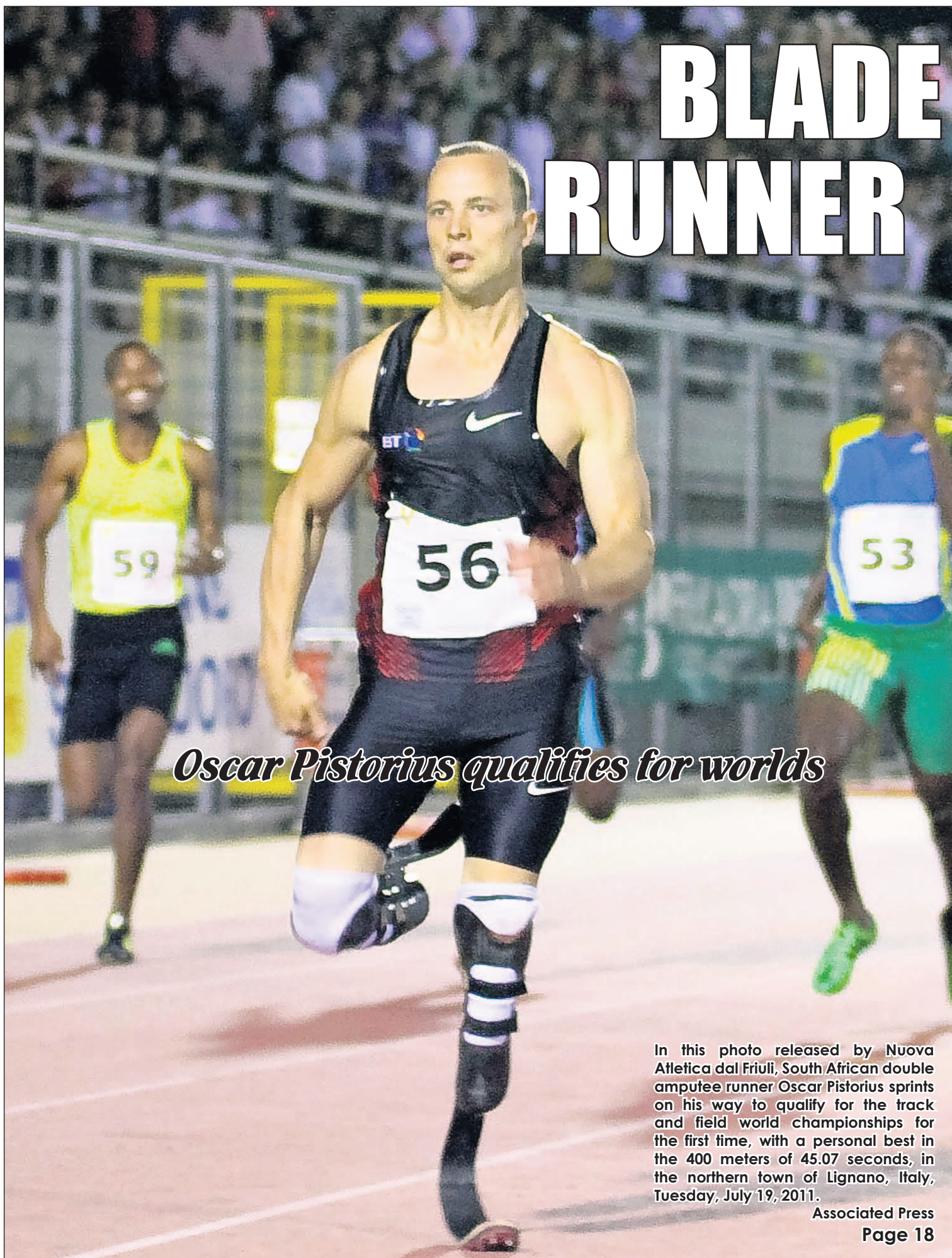
If not, Utah will host Houston in the Rockets' first game under Kevin McHale and without Yao Ming, and Oklahoma City will visit new coach Mike Brown and the Lakers to conclude the opening-night schedule. Most teams begin Nov. 2, with LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh starting their second season together on the Heat and facing a Knicks team led by Carmelo Anthony and Amare Stoudemire.

Also, Golden State hosts the Lakers in its first game under rookie coach Mark Jackson.

No. 1 pick Kyrie Irving would make his pro debut that night when Cleveland visits Boston.

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BLADE RUNNER



Oscar Pistorius qualifies for worlds

In this photo released by Nuova Atletica dal Friuli, South African double amputee runner Oscar Pistorius sprints on his way to qualify for the track and field world championships for the first time, with a personal best in the 400 meters of 45.07 seconds, in the northern town of Lignano, Italy, Tuesday, July 19, 2011.

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'Blade Runner' Oscar Pistorius qualifies for world championships

GERALD IMRAY
AP Sports Writer

Double amputee sprinter Oscar Pistorius qualified for the athletics world championships on Tuesday, running his best-ever 400-meters time in his last race before the cutoff date.

The South African "Blade Runner" also moved a big step closer to fulfilling his dream of competing in the 2012 Olympics after clocking a personal best of 45.07 seconds at a small meet in the northern Italian town of Lignano.

The 24-year-old Pistorius needed to run 45.25 — having never run faster than 45.61 — to qualify for the worlds for the first time. The championships begin Aug. 27 in Daegu, South Korea.

"So tonight was the last



In this photo released by Nuova Atletica dal Friuli, South African double amputee runner Oscar Pistorius reacts after qualifying for the track and field world championships for the first time, with a personal best in the 400 meters of 45.07 seconds, in the northern town of Lignano, Italy, Tuesday, July 19, 2011.

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night to qualify," Pistorius tweeted after the race. "Needed a 45.25 A standard, ran a 45.07sec! Thank you to my team."

He wrote in another post: "Feels kind of surreal.. To have an A-qualification time in the bag for next yrs Olympic Games! Thank you all the your support!"

The time put him on track to achieve his ambition of competing at the Olympics and Paralympics in the same year, four years after he had to take his case to the Court of Arbitration for Sport to be allowed to compete against able-bodied athletes on his carbon-fiber blades.

"He's over the moon," Pistorius' agent Peet van Zyl told The Associated Press. "I spoke to him before the race and told him 'Listen,

this is what it's all about. This is what we fought the court cases for.'

"He said 'All I can do is my best' and I said 'Your best is good enough.' I spoke to him literally as he was coming off the track and all he said was 'I did it.'"

Having achieved the "A" qualifying time, South Africa now has to pick Pistorius in its team for the worlds and could also take him to the London Olympics, which he is also now eligible to compete in.

Pistorius gained international fame when he tried to qualify for the 2008 Beijing Olympics. He had to battle a ban by world athletics governing body the IAAF from competing in able-bodied races after his blades were deemed an unfair advantage.

He went to the Court of Arbitration and was cleared to run, but the legal process took a toll on his training and he didn't come close to the qualifying time for Beijing.

Pistorius is the world record holder in the 100, 200 and 400 for disabled athletes, and a multiple gold medal winner at the Paralympics, but has long wanted to run against able-bodied athletes at the Olympics.

Having missed out on the qualifying time at meets in the Czech Republic, France and Diamond League events in New York and Eugene, Oregon this season, Pistorius struggled to a time of 46.65 seconds in Padua, Italy over the weekend. He looked way off the world championship qualifying pace.

It left him with the Lignano race to run his fastest ever time with his last race — in Budapest, Hungary on July 31 — likely too close to the Aug. 1 cutoff for teams to be finalized for the world championships.

In Lignano, Pistorius blew away the field to win by more than a second from Jamaicans Lanceford Spence and Michael Mason.

"They have to pick him now (for the worlds)," Van Zyl said. "I knew this was coming."

Pistorius only took up running as a teenager to help him recover from a rugby injury. He started training with a coach in 2004 and set his first Paralympics world record three weeks later. Eight months later, he won his first Paralympics gold medal in Athens.

Originally from the South African capital Pretoria, Pistorius had his legs amputated below the knee when he was 11 months old after he was born without shin bones.

"My mother was someone who never pitied the fact that I had prosthetic legs," he told the AP in an interview in April. "As far as she was concerned, the only difference between me and my brother was that my brother put his shoes on in the morning and I put my legs on — and that's it." □



Ryder Hesjedal of Canada, right, clenches his fist as teammate Thor Hushovd of Norway, center, crosses the finish line to win the 16th stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 162.5 kilometers (101 miles) starting in Saint Paul Trois Chateaux and finishing in Gap, southern France, Tuesday July 19, 2011. Left is Edvald Boasson Hagen of Norway who took second place.

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JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

GAP, France (AP) — Defending champion Alberto Contador caught his Tour de France rivals by surprise with a bold climbing attack Tuesday, gaining time on leader Thomas Voeckler during a rainy 16th stage won by Thor Hushovd.

The Spanish defending champion burst from the pack in the final climb of the rainy 162.5-kilometer (101-mile) course from Saint-Paul-Trois-Chateaux to Gap — and among the other big title contenders, only Cadel Evans of Australia could keep up.

Hushovd, 32, won his second stage this Tour by outpacing fellow Norwegian

Contador shines in Tour's Stage 16, won by Hushovd

Edvald Boasson Hagen in second and Hushovd's Garmin-Cervelo teammate Ryder Hesjedal in third.

Hushovd, who has long been known as a sprinter, showed off his new talents when he won Stage 13 over a big climb in the Pyrenees. This time, he broke away on a more rolling course.

The Norwegian has been one of the stars of this race: He also held the yellow jersey for six days early in the race, after the Garmin-Cervelo team won the team time trial in Stage 2.

"I have succeeded a lot at the Tour de France," Hushovd said. "To win another stage is very good."

Contador and two-time Tour runner-up Evans gained time on Voeckler, who retained the yellow jersey, while two-time runner-up Andy Schleck of Luxembourg was among the day's big losers — crossing the finish back of the other favorites. "I was able to save it," Voeckler said of the yellow jersey, which he expects to lose before the race ends Sunday in Paris. "I kept it by a handful of seconds, but that shows that I've hit my ceiling."

As the pack prepared to scale the mid-grade Col de Manse climb, with about 15 kilometers left in the stage, Contador sped out of the front in a string of attacks to gain about 20 seconds on most favorites.

Only Evans, a two-time Tour runner-up, kept up. Then they faced a treacherous downhill toward the finish. Contador finished 18 seconds ahead of Voeckler to reduce his deficit to the Frenchman to 3 minutes, 42 seconds. But perhaps more importantly, the Spaniard also gained time on Andy Schleck. "I knew I needed to attack," Contador said. "I couldn't care less if someone kept on my wheel — I knew one of them would fail. I'm so happy. It has been a major gap, much bigger than I expected."

Evans finished 4:23 back in 11th place — but crossed first among the major title contenders. Contador, who had initially led the attack, trailed the Australian by 3 seconds by the finish, in 12th. Voeckler and Schleck's older brother Frank crossed 21 seconds after Evans. Andy Schleck was 1:09 slower than the

Australian — and 1:06 behind Contador.

Overall, Evans leapfrogged Frank Schleck to take second, and trails Voeckler by 1:45. Frank Schleck, now in third, remains 1:49 back. Contador moved up a notch to sixth. Andy Schleck remains fourth, but is 3:03 back overall — compared to 2:15 back when the stage began. Italy's Ivan Basso, who crossed 51 seconds after Evans, fell to fifth from seventh overall — and is now 3:49 back.

"Today was an opportunity for us to see what could happen," said Jim Ochowicz, manager of Evans' BMC squad. "We assumed that at some point Contador was going to try to take some time back. His move, when he made it, was the perfect opportunity for Cadel to counter."

Frank Schleck said he and his brother had been caught off-guard.

"We were a bit surprised that Contador went on the climb," he said. "We know that he is a rider that attacks when he has good legs, but we had anticipated he would wait for the Alps." □



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Golf means never taking anything for granted

DOUG FERGUSON**AP Golf Writer****SANDWICH, England (AP)**

— Dustin Johnson probably doesn't think he'll have to wait 15 years to win a major.

He already has won four times in his four years on the PGA Tour, and he has played in the final group at three of the last six majors. That doesn't happen by accident. To say Johnson is the most talented American golfer won't get much of an argument.

Then again, a young Darren Clarke might have thought the same thing.

Clarke was among the new faces in European golf that helped inspire a slow revival in the late 1990s. He might not have had the raw skill of someone like Johnson, but a major figured to be in his future. He played in the final group at Royal Troon in 1997. He took down Tiger Woods at the 2000 Match Play Championship when Woods was at the absolute top of his game. Then came another close call a year later in the British Open.

His major finally arrived Sunday, a month before he turns 43, his head full of gray hair and his belly bulging. But at least he got there.

"The hardest thing with Darren was that he's been slightly labeled an under-achiever. And he was," his agent, Chubby Chandler, said in the glowing aftermath Sunday evening. "He had the talent to win a ma-

jor, an Open, but it didn't happen. For it to happen like this is just amazing. Now he's no longer an under-achiever."

Clarke became the third-oldest player to win his first major, trailing only 45-year-old Jerry Barber in the 1961 PGA Championship and Roberto De Vicenzo at 44 in the 1967 British Open.

There are others like Clarke who were on the downside of their prime years when they won a major. Two that come to mind are Tom Kite, who was 42 when he won the U.S. Open, and Mark O'Meara, who was 41 when he won the Masters and British Open.

One reminder from this British Open is that there are no guarantees in golf. The game owes nothing to anyone. Johnson would seem to be a lock to win a major, simply by the experience he has been gaining, even if it's the kind he'd rather forget. But hard knocks also raise questions.

There was that atrocious start at Pebble Beach last year on his way to an 82, his dubious two-shot penalty on the final hole of Whistling Straits last year at PGA Championship when he didn't realize he was in a bunker, and that 2-iron on the 14th hole of Royal St. George's on Sunday.

Surely, he'll figure it out soon. But wasn't that also said of Sergio Garcia?

Garcia had it far more difficult, playing in an era when



Winner of the British Open Golf Championship Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke, left, stands with runners up Phil Mickelson of the US and Dustin Johnson of the US, right, during the trophy presentation at Royal St George's golf course Sandwich, England, Sunday, July 17, 2011.

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Woods was winning majors just about every year. The Spaniard is only 31, although it seems as though he's been around much longer because he has been in the mix at majors so much. As a 19-year-old rookie, he nearly came from behind to catch Woods at Medinah. He played with Woods in the final group twice more in majors, and when Woods wasn't around, Garcia found another nemesis while losing two majors to Pádraig Harrington.

A dozen years after he roared onto the scene, Garcia still hasn't won the big one. And this year, his game reached a point that

he was happy just to be playing in the last two majors.

And then there's 38-year-old Lee Westwood.

As happy as he was for one of his best friends winning the Open, part of Westwood had to be asking, "When will it be my turn?"

Twice in the last four years, he missed out on a playoff in the majors by one shot. He had the 54-hole lead at the Masters last year and was beaten by better golf from Phil Mickelson. Westwood kept getting better to the point that he reached No. 1 in the world. But still no major.

"Lee has done everything

he can do to get himself into contention to win," Clarke said. "Unfortunately, he's had guys that have played better than him on quite a few occasions, or they've had the bounce of the ball or things going their way. Right now, things haven't gone his way, but I'm sure that they will go his way because he's too good a player to not go his way." True.

But the same could have been said of Colin Montgomerie.

He won a record eight money titles on the European Tour. He twice got into a playoff at the majors, losing both of them. □

AL Roundup

Red Sox use 8-run 8th to beat Orioles 15-10

BALTIMORE (AP) — Dustin Pedroia doubled in two runs to spark an eight-run eighth inning and Jarrod Saltalamacchia and Josh Reddick hit home runs as Boston routed Baltimore 15-10 in the American League on Monday.

Pedroia, Kevin Youkilis and Darnell McDonald had three RBIs apiece for the Red Sox, who have won 13 of 15. The run includes a 16-inning, 1-0 win over Tampa Bay on Sunday.

The Red Sox had 16 hits in their seventh straight victory over the Orioles. Boston has outscored Baltimore 61-32 during that span.

Pedroia hit a tiebreaking two-run double off Mike Gonzalez (1-2) to make it 9-7.

J.J. Hardy and Adam Jones homered for the Orioles, who have lost 10 of 12.

Yankees 5, Rays 4

At St. Petersburg, Florida,



Boston Red Sox's Dustin Pedroia (15) comes in to score on a single hit by Kevin Youkilis during the eighth inning of a baseball game, Monday, July 18, 2011, in Baltimore. The Red Sox won 15-10.

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Russell Martin drew a bases-loaded walk with two outs in the top of the ninth to give New York the win. Robinson Cano, Mark Teixeira, Brett Gardner and Eduardo Nunez also drove in runs for the second-place Yankees, who rallied from a 4-1 deficit to remain 1½ games behind Boston in the AL East.

Rookie left-hander Alex Torres (0-1) yielded the winning run in his major league debut after New York loaded the bases on Curtis Granderson's single, an intentional walk to Nick Swisher and another walk to Andruw Jones.

Indians 5, Twins 2, 1st game
Indians 6, Twins 3, 2nd game
At Minneapolis, Lou Marson hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the seventh inning as Cleveland completed a doubleheader sweep with a 6-3 victory over Minnesota, kicking off a four-game series with two wins. Marson doubled and scored in the fifth against Scott Diamond, who was making his major league debut for Minnesota. Fausto Carmona (5-10) came off the disabled list and won for only the second time in his last 12 starts, allowing two runs

in six innings.

Asdrubal Cabrera hit a three-run homer to lift the Indians to a 5-2 win in the first game and added an RBI single in the second.

The Twins fell seven games behind the Indians.

Travis Hafner had two hits and two RBIs in the second game, and Michael Brantley finished with five hits.

Minnesota's Joe Mauer had three hits in each game, but Carmona picked up where David Huff (1-0) left off. Returning from a strained right quadriceps muscle, Carmona allowed seven hits, struck out one and walked none.

The Twins couldn't have expected too much more from their fill-in starters. Anthony Swarzak, summoned from the bullpen for the opener, pitched six innings, giving up four runs, three earned.

White Sox 5, Royals 2

At Kansas City, Mark Buehrle lasted seven innings in another impressive start, and Chicago capitalized on an error by Kansas City shortstop Alcides Escobar. Buehrle (7-5) hasn't allowed more than three earned runs in his last 14 starts dating to April 22. The veteran left-hander allowed five hits while winning for the first time since June 9.

Kyle Davies (1-9) was saddled with his eighth consecutive loss. Davies hasn't won since beating Minnesota on April 13 and is 0-3 since going on the disabled list with inflammation in his right rotator cuff. He set a career high with nine strikeouts in 5 1-3 innings.

Escobar threw the ball away while trying to start a double play on a routine grounder with the game tied in the sixth inning. Mark Teahan followed with a run-scoring groundout and Juan Pierre hit an RBI double for a 4-2 lead.

In other AL games it Cleveland 5, Minnesota 2, 1st game; Boston 15, Baltimore 10; N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 4; Chicago White Sox 5, Kansas City 2; and Cleveland 6, Minnesota 3, 2nd game.

Mavs

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The first meeting between the Mavs and Heat since Dallas' six-game victory in the finals highlights the Dec. 25 schedule. The Celtics visit the Knicks to open the tripleheader and the Lakers welcome the Bulls in the nightcap. The Mavs play in Miami for the first time since clinching their first title on March 29.

The schedule was released much later in the summer in recent seasons while the NBA was waiting for the completion of free agency and trades to see what other marquee matchups could be created. This time, with all transactions and most other league business on hold, there was no reason to wait.

It's unclear what would happen to the schedule if the season is delayed, though it would likely depend on when a deal gets done. The 1998-99 season didn't begin until February, forcing an overhaul that limited



Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki (41) and Jason Terry (31) react in the final seconds of the second half of Game 3 of the NBA Finals basketball game against the Miami Heat Sunday, June 5, 2011, in Dallas.

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teams to 50 games.

If a deal is completed in time to save the entire season, other interesting games include:

—The first meeting between Dallas and Los Angeles since the Mavs ended the Lakers' two-year title reign on Dec. 15 in Dallas.

—Anthony's return to Denver with the Knicks on Nov. 16.

—Deron Williams first game back in Utah with the Nets on Jan. 14.

—Brown's first game in Cleveland since the Cavs

fired him after consecutive 60-win seasons on Dec. 21.

—The Magic and Nets playing a pair of games at the O2 Arena on March 7-8, the second straight year the NBA is staging regular-season games in London ahead of the 2012 Olympics.

The All-Star break is scheduled for Feb. 24-26 in Orlando.

The regular season ends April 18, with the Nets hosting the Bulls in their final game in New Jersey before moving to Brooklyn for the 2012-13 season. □



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Halladay leaves start as Cubs beat Phillies 6-1

CHICAGO (AP) — Aramis Ramirez and Carlos Pena homered to back a dominant start by Rodrigo Lopez as Chicago beat Philadelphia 6-1 on Monday night after Phillies ace Roy Halladay left the game because of the heat.

Halladay doubled over and was visited by a trainer after Starlin Castro led off the fifth inning with a single. Drew Carpenter came in to replace him.

Halladay was drenched in sweat on a humid night in which the game-time temperature was 33 Celsius (91F).

The heat clearly affected him. He gave up three runs and seven hits and took his first loss since May 15.

This was Halladay's shortest outing since he pitched three innings for Toronto against Florida on June 12, 2009. The early exit ended Halladay's string of 63 road starts in which he lasted at least six innings. It was the longest such streak since Walter Johnson went 82 straight road starts from 1911-15. Ramirez gave the Cubs a 1-0 lead in the first with his 17th homer. Chicago added two runs in the third on Ramirez's bases-loaded sacrifice fly and Pena's RBI single.

Lopez gave up a leadoff homer to Jimmy Rollins in the fourth. He allowed five

hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Pirates 2, Reds 0

At Pittsburgh, Charlie Morton pitched five innings to help Pittsburgh move into first place in the NL Central. Pittsburgh kicked off an important two-week stretch by shutting down the Reds after Morton (8-5) extricated himself from a bases-loaded jam in the first inning following a lengthy rain delay to win for the first time since June 15.

The right-hander gave up three hits, striking out three and walking two. Joel Hanrahan pitched the ninth for his 27th save as Pittsburgh moved a half-game ahead of Milwaukee in the division. Dontrelle Willis (0-1) pitched well in his second start since being called up from Triple-A. The former All-Star surrendered two runs in 4 2-3 innings, striking out five and walking just one.

Chase d'Arnaud and Neil Walker led off the fourth with singles.

Andrew McCutchen brought d'Arnaud home on an RBI groundout and Walker scored on Matt Diaz's sacrifice fly.

Diamondbacks 3, Brewers 0

At Phoenix, Arizona's Josh Collmenter pitched eight innings of three-hit ball for his first win in six weeks.

The right-hander retired 21 of his last 22 batters in the

longest outing of his rookie season. Yunesky Betancourt reached on a bunt single leading off the sixth for Milwaukee's only hit during the stretch.

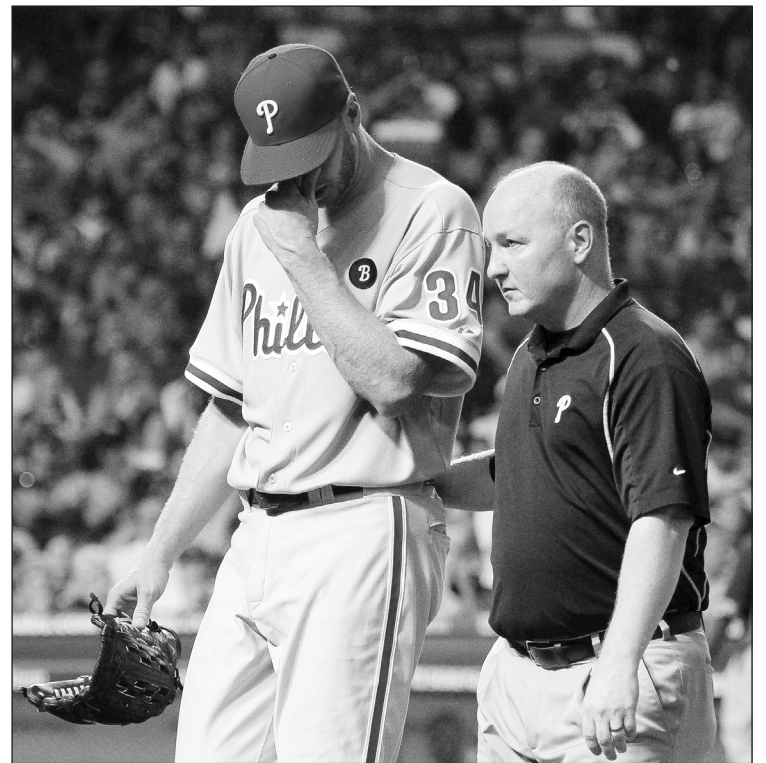
Collmenter (5-5) struck out a career-best seven and walked none while running his scoreless streak to 14 innings, all against the Brewers over his last two starts. Ryan Roberts homered for the second straight day and David Hernandez finished for his ninth save in 11 chances.

Randy Wolf (6-7) pitched 7 1-3 innings for Milwaukee and was charged with three runs, two earned, and eight hits. The left-hander is 0-3 with a 4.94 ERA in his last four starts, including two losses against the Diamondbacks.

Chris Young singled, doubled and scored twice in Arizona's third straight victory.

Nationals 5, Astros 2

HOUSTON (AP) — Michael Morse and Ryan Zimmerman homered and Zimmer-



Philadelphia Phillies' Roy Halladay, left, leaves the game with trainer Scott Sheridan during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Chicago Cubs Monday, July 18, 2011 in Chicago.

Associated Press

man drove in the go-ahead run in the ninth inning for Washington.

In other NL games it was Pittsburgh 2, Cincinnati 0; Florida 4, N.Y. Mets 1; Chi-

cago Cubs 6, Philadelphia 1; Washington 5, Houston 2; Atlanta 7, Colorado 4; Arizona 3, Milwaukee 0; and San Francisco 5, L.A. Dodgers 0. □

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Therapies for the Female Journey

By: Dr Carlos Viana

Starting with her first menstrual bleeding, called 'menarche'; a young woman starts a journey where her body is greatly affected by hormones. In many cultures, both through social and medical perspectives it is often considered the central event of female puberty, as it signals the possibility of fecundity. The journey, however, may be burdened with problems which I see daily in our clinic.

Most women understand the importance of having a normal menstrual flow about every twenty-eight days. Well informed women know there are healthy ways to support the reproductive system. Women with healthy hormone activity will be able to start a family, when the time is right. Having healthy child-bearing years, also support health later in life.

Along the journey, especially when overindulging on sweets and simple carbohydrates many women may develop a problem with vaginal Yeast infections. Later in the female hormone cycle, before menopause sets in, almost 70% of women experience some unpleasant symptoms. Thankfully, there are natural therapies that can help women make their journey a bit easier.

Menstrual regulation, pre menstrual symptoms (PMS) and menopause symptoms show improvement in our clinic when treated with acupuncture. The World Health Organization also lists relief from many symptoms of pregnancy and childbirth through acupuncture.

Herbs are another

gift from nature used successfully in many cultures throughout time that assist with unbalanced hormones. Herbs that strengthen the female reproductive system include DONG QUAI and GINGER. Dong Quai has been used for centuries in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) as a womb tonic, antispasmodic, mild laxative, and blood purifier and to stimulate menstruations. Herbs that stimulate and promote normal menstrual flow are generally not to be used during pregnancy.

If menstruations become too heavy Ginger warms the energy channels and stops bleeding. GINGER soothes the stomach and lessens nausea. Billions of people use GINGER every day as both food and medicine. Fertility refers the actual production of offspring, rather than the physical capability to produce which is termed fecundity. Throughout the ages wise women have known which herbs can increase a woman's ability to get pregnant. When taken properly fertility herbs have a proven track record of giving women nearly a 25% increase in fertility. Native Americans have used this herb for female health for many years. Proven as an aid for infertility, BLACK COHOSH is also used for treating uterine fibroids.

DONG QUAI is also traditionally valued as a very effective fertility promoter. For best results, I suggest using this during the days between ovulation and menstruation only. Check with a trained Herbalist, Naturopath, Traditional Chinese Medical doc-

tor or Clinical Nutritionist for safe, correct use..

RED CLOVER BLOSSOMS's high vitamin content is very valuable to the uterus and its high protein content benefits the whole body. It's also quite high in calcium & magnesium which relax the nervous system and help promote fertility. This herb also contains nearly every trace mineral needed by the glands. Daily use can help balance hormonal functioning.

For conditions affecting women's health, such as breast pain associated with the menstrual cycle, menopausal symptoms, and premenstrual syndrome EVENING PRIMROSE OIL can be used. Evening primrose oil contains gamma-linolenic acid (GLA), an essential fatty acid. Essential fatty acids are required by the body for growth and development, and must be obtained from the diet.

Herbal Remedies for Yeast Infections include GARLIC and OLIVE LEAF. Garlic's antibacterial and antimicrobial properties make it useful in treating bladder and kidney infections, yeast infections, strep throats and ear infections. It is an effective remedy against bacterial, fungal, viral and parasitic infections, and Candida albicans that produces vaginal discharges.

OLIVE LEAF extract is a broad-spectrum antimicrobial agent. The leaves contain an active compound called oleuropein, which has been shown to have an impact against infectious and virulent microbes. A powerful antiviral, olive leaf is said

to be effective against even antibiotic resistant bacteria, yeast strains and fungi.

Balancing and regulating hormones that start going crazy before menopause, BLACK COHOSH is still valued by women today to help in the balancing of hormones and has been shown to be useful in treating stress-related symptoms of PMS and menopause.

LICORICE ROOT (DGL) has been used by TCM practitioners for thousands of years to treat ulcers, colds, skin disorders, and as a tonic for the heart and spleen. The root of this herb contains a saponin glycoside called glycyrrhizic acid which has a similar structure to hormones produced by our adrenal glands - giving licorice a hormone balancing effect.

Typical menopause symptoms, such as hot flashes or night sweats, are caused by changing hormonal levels in the female reproductive system. Almost all women notice early symptoms while still having periods. This stage of gradually falling and fluctuating hormone levels is called perimenopause, which often begins in the early 40s. RED CLOVER contains isoflavones which have shown to be useful in helping to alleviate the symptoms of female menopause. Steroid-like compounds in this herb can change to estradiol and estrone which are estrogen precursors, giving it mild estrogenic properties which can be helpful during menopause.

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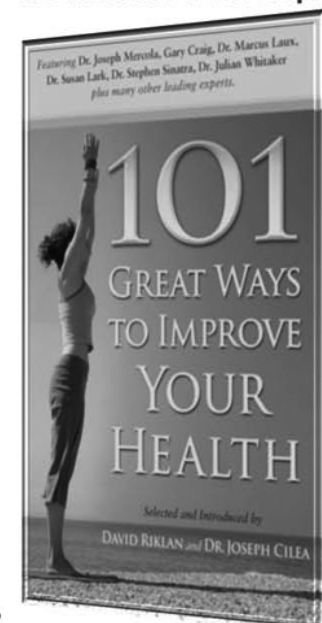
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Rebooting the PC industry: Tablets force a shift

JORDAN ROBERTSON
AP Technology Writer

SANTA CLARA, California (AP) — The personal computer industry needs a jumpstart — and it's counting on a rescue from emerging markets and a late-to-the-party push into tablet computers.

The U.S. and European PC markets have entered a dangerous new phase: Fewer people are buying new PCs because of economic anxiety, market saturation and the rise of seductive new gadgets such as Apple's iPad. More signs of strain are expected as PC makers and their component suppliers begin to disclose quarterly earnings this week.

Make no mistake: The PC is still the backbone of the digital world, powering e-commerce, social network-

ing and more. It is a fixture in homes and businesses in industrialized countries. More than 1 million PCs are sold every day, and the industry is bigger than ever. But worldwide sales have slowed in recent years. The U.S. and European markets have fared the worst, suffering lately from declines compared with the previous year.

Market research firms IDC and Gartner Inc. said last week that PC shipments worldwide grew at just over 2 percent in the second quarter, short of both firms' expectations.

One of the most urgent concerns is that the PC has become ubiquitous in many markets. That has presented the industry with a classic business problem: how to find new ways to sell an established product.

Although it's true that computers need to be upgraded regularly, businesses are only starting to spend money again as the economy slowly recovers. Consumers are updating their machines less often, spending their money instead on the latest handheld gadgets.

Apple CEO Steve Jobs has promoted the changes as a sign we've entered the "post-PC era." Technologists have thrown around that term for a decade in what turned out to be premature predictions, but the characterization may be coming true now.

"This is a time of intense change," said Sarah Rotman Epps, a Forrester Research analyst who has studied the evolution of consumer technology. "New competition for PC manufacturers makes it just



In this product image provided by Acer Inc., the Acer Iconia laptop is displayed. The Iconia, a Windows laptop that looks like any other when the lid is down. When you open it, you'll find two touch-sensitive screens and no keyboard, similar to a tablet computer. To type, you bring up a virtual keyboard on the lower screen. If you're not using the keyboard, Web pages can flow from the top screen to the bottom one.

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NYC fires shot at Silicon Valley tech dominance

SAMANTHA GROSS
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Michael Bloomberg is firing a shot across the bow of Silicon Valley, saying New York City's efforts to attract a new science and engineering campus will help the metropolis surpass the California region as the world capital of technology startups.

Bloomberg spoke on the subject Tuesday in a speech to the business community.

"We understand that we will not catch up to Silicon Valley overnight," he said. "Building a state-of-the-art campus will take years — and attracting a critical mass of technology entrepreneurs will take even longer."

Bloomberg said he believes that in its first three decades the school could help launch 400 new companies and create more than 22,000 permanent jobs, as well as more than 7,000 construction jobs.

The city plans to offer nearly-free real estate and up to \$100 million in infrastructure upgrades to a university, institution or consortium that commits to creating what Bloomberg says will be a world-class science and engineering campus.

The city's formal request for proposals was issued Tuesday.

Stanford and Cornell universities and the University of Chicago have expressed interest in the deal, as have schools in Finland, India, Switzerland, Korea, the United Kingdom and Israel. Additionally, some institutions have formed partnerships as they consider the deal.

One such group is made up of New York University, Carnegie Mellon, the City University of New York, the University of Toronto and IBM.

New York City is the No. 2 recipient of venture capital funding for technology startups, after surpassing Boston last year, Bloomberg said.

The billionaire mayor, who was himself an engineering student and later an entrepreneur, said Silicon Valley's dominance is due in part to schools like Stanford and the University of California, Berkeley. Companies launched by MIT graduates generate annual revenues of about \$2 trillion, he said.

"Technology capacity is critical to our growth — and there is just not enough of it here," he said. □

really, really hard to make a profit."

As a result, PC makers are looking to emerging markets to boost sales.

The new strategy was evident at Intel's recent investors' conference, where the company's CEO, Paul Otellini, unveiled a map that identified where PC growth is expected to be strongest in coming years.

The U.S. and Europe were conspicuously not highlighted. Otellini gestured instead toward places such as Brazil, Russia, India, China — the so-called "BRIC" countries — as well as Mexico, Venezuela, the Czech Republic, South Africa and Turkey. All are expected to experience double-digit percentage growth.

The message: The world's leading computer chip-maker and its industry allies have no choice but to launch a marketing attack on foreign shores.

PC sales are decelerating in the U.S. because the

same technological advances that fueled the PC industry's rise — faster processors and lower costs every couple of years — are now benefiting the devices that are usurping it. Consumers can now use smaller gadgets to do many of the same things they once did with PCs, such as surfing the Internet, storing photos and sending e-mail. Apple even boasts that users can edit home movies on an iPad. Indeed, consumers' increasing demand for tablets is a looming threat. Some 50 million tablets are expected to be sold worldwide this year, and that could double to as many as 100 million next year, according to various estimates. Although that's still small compared with sales of 362 million PCs this year, as estimated by IDC, the PC industry has reason to worry because of how quickly the tablet has been able to claimed such a large corner of the market. □

Borders end to have ripple effect across country



In this Feb. 16, 2011 file photo, customers walk into a Borders Books & Music store, in Ann Arbor, Mich. Borders Group filed for bankruptcy Monday, July 18, 2011, after seeking court approval to liquidate its 399 stores when the company failed to receive any bids that would keep the 40-year-old chain in operation.

Mae Anderson
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- What happens when a pioneer like Borders goes out of business? Depends on who you

ask.

A day after the bankrupt Ann Arbor, Mich.-based chain said it would seek court approval to sell off its assets and shutter its remain-

ing 399 stores, everyone from publishers to consumers is assessing what it would mean if the company that started the big-box book-seller concept vanished.

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Oil higher on weaker dollar, stronger home start ups

CHRIS KAHN
AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil reversed direction again Tuesday, rising 2 percent as traders took their cues from the dollar and stock markets.

Crude oil is used to produce gasoline and other fuels, and it's also a major investment commodity. Prices can swing with the collective mood on Wall Street. Recently benchmark oil has fluctuated between \$95 and \$99 a barrel as investors gauge how Europe deals with Greece's debt crisis and the debate goes on in Washington over spending and the U.S. debt ceiling. "Every day, we hear more about what governments are doing to get their sovereign debt under control," independent analyst Andrew Lipow said. "But you don't see results, and that leads some people to think we're headed in the wrong direction."

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for August delivery rose \$1.57 to settle at \$97.50 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Brent crude, which is used to price many international oil varieties, gained \$1.01 to settle at \$117.06 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

The dollar fell against other currencies on Tuesday, sending some investors to commodities like oil. Oil, which is traded in dollars, tends to rise as the dollar falls and makes crude cheaper for investors hold-

ing foreign currency.

A broad stock market rally also helped push oil higher. The Dow Jones industrial average, the Nasdaq and the S&P 500 index all rose about 2 percent in afternoon trading. Some upbeat economic news supported higher oil on Tuesday as well. The Commerce Department said construction of new homes grew by 14.6 percent last month. Builders began work on a seasonally adjusted 629,000 homes in June. That's about half of what economists say is needed to sustain a healthy housing market. Still, analysts consider it a positive sign for the battered industry.

The housing market and the unemployment rate are key factors in the nation's economic recovery, which most view as sluggish at best right now. When more people head back to work and buy homes, oil and gas demand is expected to rise. Meanwhile, MasterCard Spending-Pulse reported that motorists continued to cut back on gasoline in the U.S. for the 17th consecutive week. Its weekly survey of credit card purchases estimates that Americans bought 1.1 percent less gas than the same period last year, based on a four-week average. In other Nymex trading for August contracts, heating oil added 2.03 cents to settle at \$3.098 per gallon, while gasoline futures gained 1.75 cents to settle at \$3.1149 per gallon. Natural gas fell 1.3 cents to settle at \$4.511 per 1,000 cubic feet. □

The move could have a wide ranging -- and different ---- impact on everyone from authors to consumers to competitors at a time when the industry is desperately trying to adapt to a new generation of readers who'd rather browse on an electronic book or tablet computer than turn the page of a paperback.

The biggest changes could come to the book publishing industry: As Borders stores disappear, other booksellers could benefit. Jennifer Romanello, executive director of publicity at Grand Central Publishing in New York who stopped sending authors to most Borders for book signings after they declared bankruptcy in February says she already looks for other places to promote authors' work. "It's one less outlet to use in promoting our authors," she said. "There are still other things out there; we see if there's an independent bookstore nearby. But the number of bookstores has been contracting, not expanding, so we're selective where we send out authors."

That ultimately could lead to more business for Barnes & Noble, a 705-store chain and one of Borders' main competitors. In fact, while at first Barnes & Noble revenue could be hurt initially as shoppers flock to Borders' liquidation sales, Barclays Capital analyst Alan Rifkin predicts ultimately the chain could gain \$220 million to \$330 million in revenue, or about 10 percent to 15 percent of Borders annual revenue if the chain closes.

Still, Rifkin said even though Barnes & Noble has more aggressively and successfully pursued the e-book space than Borders did - with Barnes & Noble's Nook e-reader and e-bookstore - it still faces the same stiff competition from online retailers. "As the demand for physical books continues to decline, the need for big-box physical bookstores will likely continue to decline as well," he wrote in a client note.

That sentiment is being echoed by analysts and consumers alike who say the demise of Borders could close a chapter for

bricks-and-mortar stores and open a new one for digital reading. To be sure, brick-and-mortar stores have not gone the way of the dinosaur, but some say it's only a matter of time.

Adrian Sierra, 36, a real estate agent from Westchester, N.Y., for instance, walked out of a Borders store in Penn Station in New York without a shopping bag filled with books. He was, however, carrying his iPad.

"I'll miss them," he says, but, "I'm not going to buy another paperback in my life. There's no reason to anymore." A growing number of customers like Sierra are the reason that Borders liquidation will most likely accelerate sales of e-books, said Forrester media analyst James McQuivey. He predicts e-book sales will nearly triple by 2015 to \$2.18 billion, with the number of e-readers jumping from 10.3 million at the end of 2010 to 29.4 million by 2015.

"People who read a lot are not just going to suddenly read less just because 400 stores close," he said. "With Borders out of the picture, people might think 'If I'm not comfortable with digital shopping, browsing or buying, I might as well get comfortable with it.'"

Simba Information senior trade analyst Michael Norris disagrees, saying that if Borders goes out of business, it might actually decrease sales of e-books since there are fewer places for people who buy e-books to browse and research new titles physically before they buy electronically. "Bookstores are a tremendous vehicle for e-book discovery," he said. "We've often tried to quantify the exact number of consumers who 'mooch' off of bookstores, who browse at a store and leave to order a book they find off their Kindle or iPad. It's hard to quantify ---- but we know it happens."

Morningstar analyst Peter Wahlstrom said consumers who so-call "mooch" will likely adapt. "Individuals that are pure physical book readers will find another outlet, be it independent bookstores or the Targets or the Costcos," he said. □

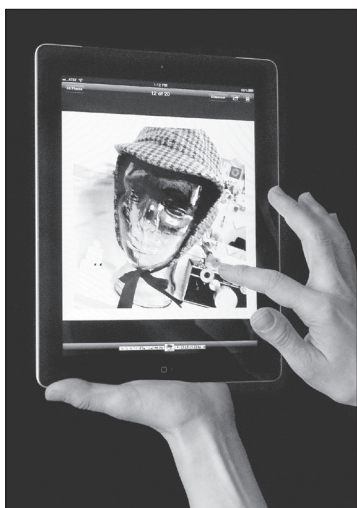
Apple results strong; record iPhone, iPad sales

PETER SVENSSON

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The iPhone is conquering Asia, the home of its strongest competitors. Sales there nearly quadrupled from a year ago and helped Apple Inc. trump analyst expectations for yet another quarter. Apple also said iPad sales worldwide nearly doubled from a quarter ago, a sign that it has left the worst of its supply problems behind. Apple's stock surged nearly 5 percent after the results came out. Net income in the fiscal third quarter, which ended in June, was \$7.31 billion, or \$7.79 per share. That's more than double the \$3.25 billion, or \$3.51 per share, a year ago. Analysts polled by FactSet were expecting earnings of \$5.82 per share. Revenue was \$28.6 billion, up 82 percent from \$15.7 billion a year ago. Analysts were expecting \$24.8 billion. The results were lifted by the sale of 20.3 million iPhones, millions more than analysts had expected. The phone's popularity in Asia, particularly in China, is helping. So is the fact that Apple keeps expanding the number of carriers that sell the phone. It was the first full quarter in which the phone was sold by Verizon Wireless, the largest carrier in the U.S. Before, only AT&T sold the phone in the U.S.

Apple usually has the year's new iPhone model out by early July. That hasn't happened this year, and analysts expect the new model to come in September instead. Apple executives didn't provide any specifics on a call with analysts. Executives also resisted questions on whether Apple will produce a cheaper iPhone to compete against phones powered by Google Inc.'s Android software. Asian competitors like Samsung Electronics, LG Electronics and HTC Corp. are selling tens of millions of Android phones every quarter at prices that undercut the iPhone. "We will only make products that we are proud of, that are the best in the world.



In this March 9, 2011 file photo, an Associated Press reporter demonstrates the camera on the Apple iPad 2 in San Francisco. New research released recently shows that the U.S. and European markets are shrinking as economic anxiety, market saturation and the rise of tablet computers are causing fewer people to buy PCs.

Associated Press

And if we can do that, and the price is lower, then we are great with that," Chief Operating Officer Tim Cook told analysts on the call. iPad sales came in at 9.25 million units, also above analyst expectations. Last quarter, the company was struggling to make enough of the new iPad 2. Apple has sold nearly 29 million iPads since they first went on sale in April 2010.

In other product categories, trends were less impressive.

Sales of Mac computers were 3.95 million, up 14 percent from a year ago. That's the lowest quarterly growth rate in two years. Cook said some people were probably buying iPads instead of Macs in the quarter, but he said more people were buying iPads over Windows PCs. He said he was pleased with 14 percent growth compared with overall PC market growth of 2.6 percent, as measured by research firm IDC. Some buyers may also have been holding off while waiting for Lion, the new version of the Mac OS X operating system. Apple had said it would go on sale this month, and Apple confirmed on the call that it will go on sale Wednesday.







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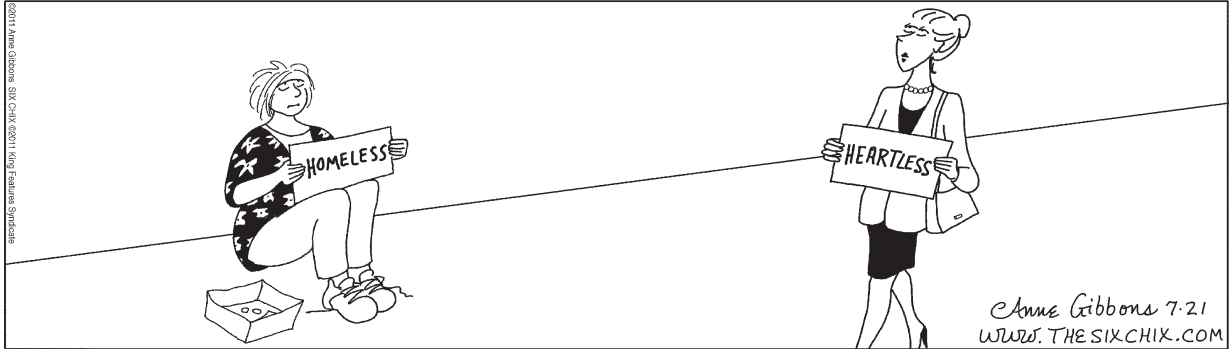
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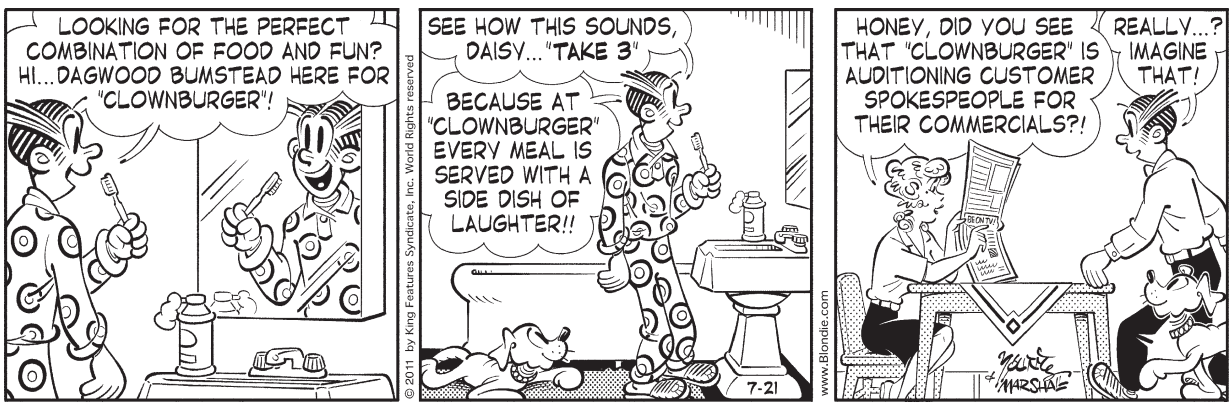
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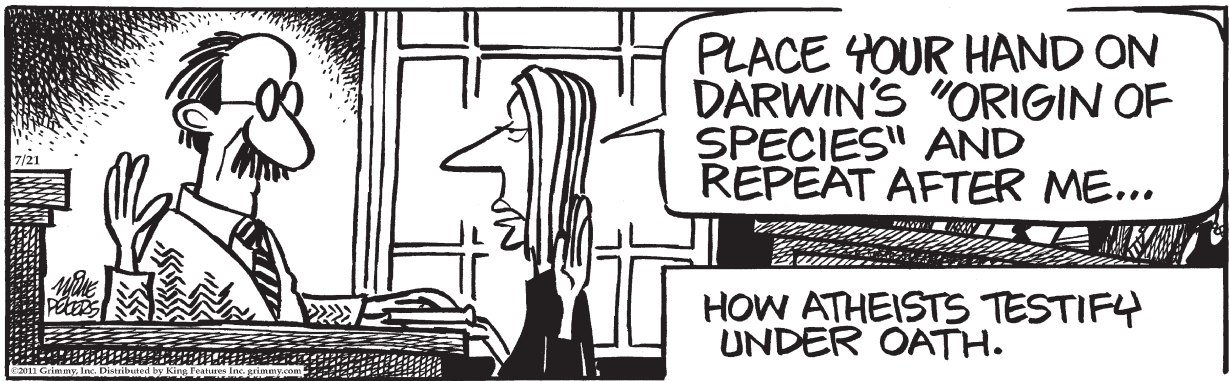
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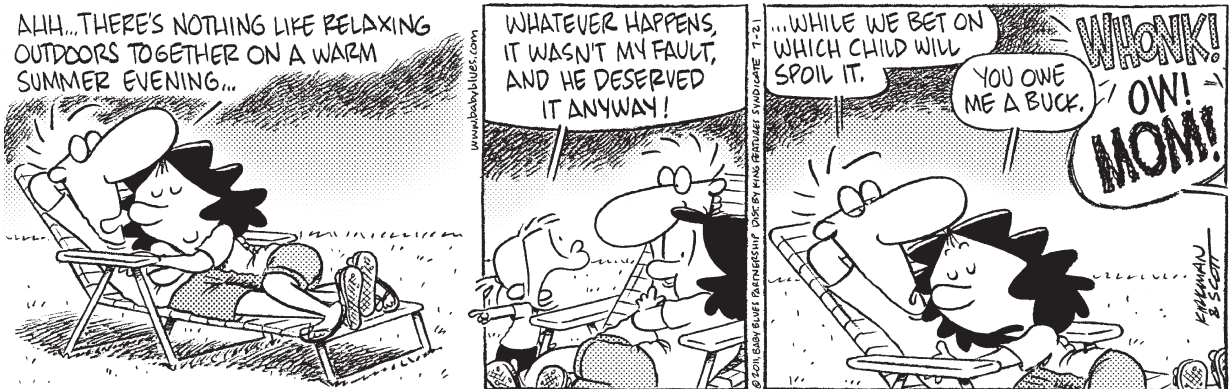
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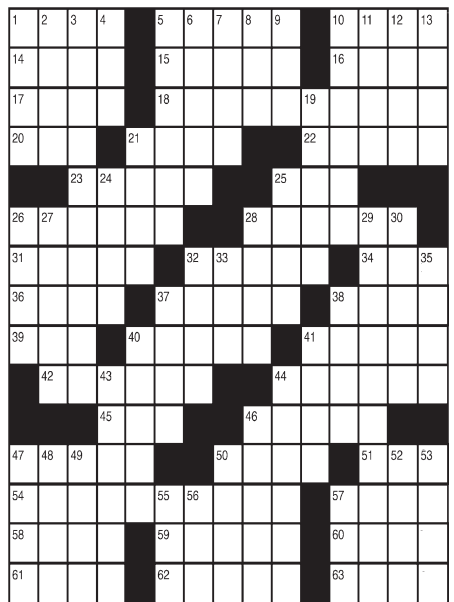
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ACROSS

- 1 ___ off; annoyed
- 5 Of no ___; worthless
- 10 Unconscious state
- 14 Luau dance
- 15 Demean; lower
- 16 Wonder-struck
- 17 Extremely dry
- 18 Like a neutral nation
- 20 At this time
- 21 Helper
- 22 Takes a break
- 23 "___ makes waste"
- 25 Man's title
- 26 Like a difficult problem
- 28 Spread rumors
- 31 Vows
- 32 Ms. Winfrey
- 34 Scottish denial
- 36 Facial spots
- 37 Move stealthily
- 38 Jewish wedding dance
- 39 Billy ___ Williams
- 40 Like cheap hamburger
- 41 Worth & Knox
- 42 Energetic one
- 44 Suggestive of the forest
- 45 Skating surface
- 46 "Aida" composer
- 47 Seaweeds
- 50 Actor Jack ___
- 51 Bow the head
- 54 Make effective once again
- 57 Cradle rocker, often
- 58 African nation
- 59 Fine tablecloth material
- 60 Article
- 61 Reach across
- 62 Fewest
- 63 Cozy rooms



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- 38 Part of a parka
- 40 Gem surface
- 41 Henry or Glenn
- 43 Vitamin B complex acid
- 44 "And as if that enough..."
- 46 Casts a ballot
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Spanish actor Javier Bardem attends a news conference to discuss the evolution of the film industry in the digital environment and address the challenges of copyright at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, Tuesday, July 19, 2011. Bardem appeared to call for a new international treaty to protect actors' rights across the globe.

(AP Photo/Keystone, Dominic Favre)

'No country' star calls for global actors rights

GENEVA (AP) — In "No country for old men" Javier Bardem's hitman character mercilessly collected unpaid debts with a deadly bolt gun.

When it comes to movie pirates, the 42-year-old Oscar winner is more understanding.

Little wonder, his wife Penelope Cruz played one in the recent blockbuster "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides."

Still, the Spanish actor says downloading films for free hurts nine out of ten actors already struggling to pay the bills. Bardem appeared at the United Nations in Geneva on Tuesday to call for a new international treaty to protect actors rights across the globe.

And he wants movie tickets to be cheaper so that even would-be pirates go to see a film at the theater once in a while. □

DMX released from an Arizona prison

PHOENIX (AP) — Rap star DMX has been released from an Arizona state prison after serving an extra week behind bars for failing a drug test while incarcerated.

Arizona Department of Corrections spokesman Bill Lamoreaux says family members were at the facility in Yuma to pick up the multi-platinum selling recording artist Tuesday.

DMX, whose real name is Earl Simmons, was given a year in prison in December after his probation was revoked for failing to submit to drug testing and driving on a suspended license.

The 40-year-old Simmons was credited with 117 days he had already served.

Simmons had been earning 20 cents an hour as a porter. □

Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Swim sizzles



Models wear Nicolita swim suits during the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in Miami Beach, Fla. (AP Photo/J Pat Carter)

Emma Watson: I'll return to Brown next year

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island

(AP) — "Harry Potter" star Emma Watson says she plans to return to Brown University to complete her degree.

The British actress who plays Hermione Granger in the "Harry Potter" series tells The Virginian-Pilot that she remains enrolled at Brown even though she'll study at England's Oxford University in the fall.

She says intends to return to Providence in 2012 to complete her studies at the Ivy League school.

The 21-year-old Watson left Brown earlier this year, saying she wanted to devote her time to the final "Harry Potter" film and other acting opportunities.

The final chapter in the series premiered last week, setting box office records. It took in an estimated \$168.6 million domestically from Friday to Sunday. That beats the previous best opening weekend of \$158.4 million for 2008's Batman blockbuster "The Dark Knight."



Actress Emma Watson attends the premiere of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" at Avery Fisher Hall on Monday, July 11, 2011 in New York. Watson says she plans to return to Brown University to complete her degree.

(AP Photo/Evan Agostini)

What goes best with drama: red, white or a pint?



The Finborough Wine Cafe in London, on July 7, 2011. The Finborough Theater, a tenant above the pub since 1980, is part of a tradition of pub theaters that do work on shoestring budgets in close proximity to audiences.

(Hazel Thompson/The New York Times)

Patrick Healy

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LONDON – Bartenders are rarely shy about offering an opinion or four. But on a recent evening at the Finborough Wine Cafe, in between pours of Beaujolais, the bartender Van Badham was memorably on point about the new play “Mirror Teeth” being performed in an upstairs room: A Christopher-Durang-meets-Caryl-Churchill satire about

racism, sex and control in the British family, capped by a corker of an ending in which a desperate father pimps out his unstable 18-year-old daughter. Badham, it was later revealed, doubles as the literary manager for the Finborough Theater, which has been a tenant at the pub, a few miles from the West End in the Earl’s Court neighborhood, since 1980. Neil McPherson, the the-

ater’s artistic director and its only salaried employee, said several company members tended bar to make ends meet, given that they are paid by the theater only if a production turns a profit. No success is too small: He once doled out 1.18 pounds (about \$1.90) to each crew member after one play in the 50-seat theater did a bit better than break even.

“The actors don’t get paid, either, not usually,” McPherson said, sitting on the snug stage – about 20 feet wide and 10 feet deep – after “Mirror Teeth” had concluded that night. “But if you’ve been stuck in ‘Phantom’ for 10 years and you’re about ready to slit your wrists, and you crave doing some proper acting, you can do that here.”

Like the storefront theater scene in Chicago, or the

outdoor productions in parks, playgrounds and car lots across New York in the summer, pub theaters are a beloved part of the play-making tradition in England, especially London. Their lineage extends to the Restoration, when acting troupes took over empty dining rooms above pubs to perform plays of lewd material that went well with a pint. Later the Victorian-era music halls – a wildly popular amusement for the working classes – got their start in saloon bars.

Pub theaters proliferated in the 1970s and ‘80s with the increase in theater companies of young artists and in-house playwrights wanting to do serious work on shoestring budgets in close proximity to audiences.

“What works in our favor is the intimacy of the experience,” said Tim Roseman,

Award-winner Rachel Weisz (“The Constant Gardener”) at Finborough. There, too, in the 1990s Mark Ravenhill developed his play “Shopping” before productions in London and Off Broadway. Among the other pub performance spaces in London, which are estimated at a few dozen, Theater503 has produced scores of new plays in the last several years, including “The Mountaintop,” by Katori Hall, which had its premiere at the 66-seat theater before moving to the West End. That play, which imagines the last night of Martin Luther King Jr.’s life, won an Olivier Award and will be produced this fall on Broadway, starring Samuel L. Jackson and Angela Bassett.

The convivial chaos of some of the old pub theaters has diminished in re-



The cast of “Mirror Teeth” and members of the audience in the Finborough Wine Cafe after a show in London, on July 7, 2011. The Finborough Theater, a tenant above the pub since 1980, is part of a tradition of pub theaters that do work on shoestring budgets in close proximity to audiences.

(Hazel Thompson/The New York Times)



The cast of “Mirror Teeth” take a bow following a performance above the Finborough Wine Cafe in London, on July 7, 2011. The Finborough Theater, a tenant above the pub since 1980, is part of a tradition of pub theaters that do work on shoestring budgets in close proximity to audiences.

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who shares the job of artistic director at another pub space, Theater503, with Paul Robinson. “You genuinely feel you are in the same room as the actors, that you breathe the characters’ air, and this makes for an electrifying experience.”

Robinson added: “It’s impossible to create that intensity when there are 1,000 people watching.” Legions of British actors, writers and directors paid their dues in pub theaters, including the Tony Award-winner Mark Rylance (“Jerusalem” and “Boeing-Boeing”) and the Academy

cent years, with the tidying up of the bars into cafes or gastropubs. Whereas once a senior barman at Finborough was convicted of manslaughter, and fistfights broke out almost nightly before and after performances, nowadays the rare cross word might come from Badham – the bartender-cum-dramaturge at the wine cafe – chiding patrons who ask about beers on tap.

“We’ll tolerate you drinking beer, but we won’t encourage you,” she told one. Like the pub interiors, the productions themselves look spiffier too. □

The road not taken



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Over the past months, Republicans enjoyed enormous advantages. Opinion polls showed that voters are eager to reduce the federal debt, and they want to do it mostly but not entirely through spending cuts. There was a Democratic president eager to move to the center. He floated certain ideas that would be normally unheard of from a Democrat. According to widespread reports, White House officials talked about raising the Medicare eligibility age, cutting Social Security by changing the inflation index, freezing domestic discretionary spending and offering to pre-empt the end of the Bush tax cuts in exchange for a broad tax-reform process. The Democratic offers were slippery, and President Barack Obama didn't put them in writing. But John Boehner, the House speaker, thought they were serious. The liberal activists thought they were alarmingly serious. I can tell you from my reporting that White House officials took them seriously. The combined effect would have been to reduce the size of government by \$3 trillion over a decade. That's a number roughly three times larger than the cost of the Obama health care law. It also would have brutally fractured the Democratic Party. But the Republican Party decided not to pursue this deal, or even seriously consider it. Instead what happened was this: Conservatives told themselves how steadfast they were being for a few weeks. Then morale crumbled. This week, Republicans will probably pass a balanced budget constitutional amendment that has zero chance of becoming law. Then they may end up clinging to a no mas Senate compromise. This proposal would pocket cuts that have already been agreed on, and it would eliminate leverage for future cuts and make them less likely.

It could be that this has been a glorious moment in Republican history. It could be that having convinced independents that they are a prudent party, Republicans will sweep the next election. Controlling the White House and Congress, perhaps they will have the guts to cut Medicare unilaterally, reform the welfare state and herald in an era of conservative greatness. But it's much more likely that Republicans will come to regret this missed opportunity. So let us pause to identify the

people who decided not to seize the chance to usher in the largest cut in the size of government in U.S. history. They fall into a few categories:

THE BELTWAY BANDITS

American conservatism now has a rich network of Washington interest groups adept at arousing elderly donors and attracting rich lobbying contracts. For example, Grover Norquist of Americans for Tax Reform has been instrumental in every recent GOP setback. He was a Newt Gingrich strategist in the 1990s, a major Jack Abramoff companion in the 2000s and he enforced the no-compromise orthodoxy that binds the party today.

Norquist is the Zelig of Republican catastrophe. His method is always the same. He enforces rigid ultimatums that make governance, or even thinking, impossible.

THE BIG GOVERNMENT BLOW-HARDS

The talk-radio jocks are not in the business of promoting conservative governance. They are in the business of building an audience by stroking the pleasure centers of their listeners. They mostly give pseudo Crispin's Day speeches to battalions of the like-minded from the safety of the conservative ghetto. To keep audience share, they need to portray politics as a cataclysmic, Manichaean struggle. A series of compromises that steadily advance conservative aims would muddy their story lines and be death to their ratings.

THE SHOW HORSES

Republicans now have a group of political celebrities who are marvelously uninterested in actually producing results. Sarah Palin and Michele Bachmann produce tweets, not laws. They have created a climate in which purity is prized over practicality.

THE PERMANENT CAMPAIGNERS

For many legislators, the purpose of being in Congress is not to pass laws. It's to create clear contrasts you can take into the next election campaign. It's not to take responsibility for the state of the country and make it better. It's to pass responsibility onto the other party and force them to take as many difficult votes as possible. All of these groups share the same mentality. They do not see politics as the art of the possible. They do not believe in seizing opportunities to make steady, messy progress toward conservative goals. They believe that politics is a cataclysmic struggle. They believe that if they can remain pure in their faith then someday their party will win a total and permanent victory over its foes. They believe they are Gods of the New Dawn. Fortunately, there are still practical conservatives in the GOP, who believe in results, who believe in intelligent compromise. If people someday decide the events of the past weeks have been a debacle, then practical conservatives may regain control. □



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ATHENS, Greece — I realize that I should be in Washington watching the debt drama there, but I've opted instead to be in Greece to observe the off-Broadway version. There are a lot of things about this global debt tragedy that you can see better from here, in miniature, starting with the raw plot, which no one has described better than the Carnegie Endowment scholar David Rothkopf: "When the cold war ended, we thought we were going to have a clash of civilizations. It turns out we're having a clash of generations." Indeed, if there is one sentiment that unites the crises in Europe and America it is a powerful sense of "baby boomers behaving badly" — a powerful sense that the generation that came of age in the last 50 years, my generation, will be remembered most for the incredible bounty and freedom it received from its parents and the incredible debt burden and constraints it left on its children.

It is no wonder that young Greeks reacted so harshly when their deputy prime minister, Theodoros Pangalos, referring to all the European Union loans and subsidies that propelled the Greek credit binge after 1981, said, "We ate it together" — meaning the people and the politicians. That was true of the baby boomer generation of Greeks, now in their 50s and 60s, and the baby boomer politicians. But those just coming of age today will never get a bite.

The clash of generations

They will just get a bill. And they know it.

You can see that when you walk around Athens's central Syntagma Square, where young people now gather every evening to debate the crisis and register their protests at the future being imposed on them. The facades of banks around the square have been defaced, and flapping in the wind are two large banners. One says "IMF Employee of the Year" and has a picture of Prime Minister George Papandreou, and the other says "Goldman Sachs Employee of the Year" and pictures George Papaconstantinou, the former finance minister. (And these are the good guys, trying to fix the problem.) Nearby is a picture of a baby, saying: "Father, whose side were you on when they were selling our country?" And the more blunt: "Yield to rage," "Class war, not national war," and, finally, "Life — not just survival" — a message that seemed filled with foreboding about what the next decade is going to be like for young Greeks.

I was struck by one big similarity between what I heard in Tahrir Square in Cairo in February and what one hears in Syntagma Square today. It's the word "justice." You hear it more than "freedom." That is because there is a deep sense of theft in both countries, a sense that the way capitalism played out in Egypt and Greece in the last decade was in its most cronyesque, rigged and corrupt deformation, letting some people get fantastically rich simply because of their proximity to power. So there is a hunger not just for freedom, but for justice. Or, as Rothkopf puts it, "not just for accounting, but for accountability."

"There are no jokes about this crisis," the Greek novelist Christos Chomenidis told me. "Everyone is in a bad temper. It feels like nearly everyone is against everyone. If the economic situation gets worse and worse, I am afraid for what can happen." The other day striking Greek

cabdrivers tried to muscle their way into the minister of infrastructure's office — only to discover that it was already full of his own ministry's striking employees. Take a number, please. That brings up another similarity between Greece and America: that the necessary may be impossible, that baby boomer politicians in the age of Twitter may not be up to addressing problems this big. The hole is too deep and power too fragmented. The only way out is by collective action — where ruling and opposition parties unite, share the pain and take the necessary steps. But that is not happening here or in Washington. There are Eric Cantors everywhere — reckless baby boomer politicians for whom no crisis is too serious to set aside political ambition and ideology.

But there is an adult lurking. China has been buying Spanish, Portuguese and Greek bonds to help stabilize these Chinese export markets. "These are delicate times, and we take a positive role," Yi Gang, deputy governor of the People's Bank of China, told the British newspaper The Guardian in January. This is a role America used to play, but can no longer afford. Anyone who thinks that this economic crisis, if prolonged, won't also hasten a global power shift has never heard of the Golden Rule: He who has the gold, sets the rules. "We are so used to the Americans providing the solutions for Europe and leading," said Vassilis T. Karatzas, a Greek money manager. "But what happens when we are both in the same boat?"

What happens is that both the American and European dreams hang in the balance. Either we both put our nations on more sustainable growth paths — which requires cutting, taxing and investing for the future — or we're looking at a world in which democracies are going to turn on themselves and fight over shrinking pies, with China having a growing say over how big the slices will be. □



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